

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Sr. No.210-a

CRM-M-45748-2018 (O&M)

Date of decision : 29.1.2019

Ranjit Singh @ Geju

..... Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. Rishu Mahajan, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. K.S. Sidhu, DAG, Punjab

SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (Oral)

The petitioner seeks regular bail in case FIR No.9 dated 25.6.2018, registered at Police Station Majitha Road, District Amritsar City, under Sections 379-B/411 IPC and Sections 25/27 of the Arms Act, 1959.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been in custody since 16.7.2018. The investigation is complete, but the charges have not been framed till date and therefore, the trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date. There is only one other case under the Arms Act, 1959, pending against the petitioner and thus, he may be granted regular bail.

Learned State counsel submits that pursuant to the arrest a sum of Rs.1.5 lacs was recovered from the petitioner. He is alleged to have snatched amount in excess of Rs.25 lacs from the complainant and thus, the petitioner is accused of a serious offence. Accordingly, he is not entitled to grant of regular bail.

It is, however, not disputed that charges have yet to be framed in this case, and there are total 18 PWs to be examined.

Regarding the allegations of snatching, it is submitted that

according to the FIR, the persons who committed the offence had covered

their faces and thus, the complainant could not recognize them. The petitioner has been arrested almost a month later and thus, false implication cannot be ruled out. The alleged recovery made from the petitioner was actually the savings of his sister.

Without going into the merits of the respective submissions, keeping in view the custody period of the petitioner as well as the fact that the examination of PWs has not yet commenced, I deem it appropriate to allow this petition. Accordingly, the petition is allowed and petitioner-Ranjit Singh @ Geju, is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court concerned.

(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE

29.1.2019

Ramandeep Singh

Whether speaking / reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable

Yes/ No