

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH.**

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CRM-M-22088-2019.

Date of Decision: 20.05.2019.

Manjinder Singh

....Petitioner.

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEKHER DHAWAN

Present: Mr. Ritesh Pandey, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Ajay Pal Singh Gill, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

Shekher Dhawan, J.

Present petition under Section 439 of the Criminal Procedure Code is for grant of regular bail to petitioner Manjinder Singh son of Satwinder Singh, who is facing trial in case F.I.R. No.44 dated 10.07.2015 under Section 420 of the Indian Penal Code, registered at Police Station Kahnuwan, District Gurdaspur.

Learned counsel representing petitioner contended that the petitioner is in custody since 11.02.2019 and the offence, alleged against the petitioner, is triable by the Court of Magistrate, trial of the case still to take some more time and no useful purpose would be served by detaining the petitioner behind the bars, so he be released on bail.

Custody certificate filed by learned State counsel is taken on record.

Learned State counsel opposed the prayer for bail on the ground that conduct of the petitioner does not make out a case for release of petitioner on bail as he was declared proclaimed offender on 12.09.2017.

At this stage, without commenting anything on the merits of the case, which may not cause prejudice to any of the party at a later stage, but taking the above facts into consideration and the fact the petitioner is in custody since 11.02.2019, the offence, alleged against the petitioner, is triable by the Court of Magistrate; trial of the case still to some more time and no useful purpose would be served by detaining the petitioner behind the bars, the present petition is allowed. Petitioner—Manjinder Singh, is ordered to be admitted to regular bail on his furnishing adequate bail bond and surety bond to the satisfaction of concerned learned trial Judge/ Chief Judicial Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate.

(SHEKHER DHAWAN)
JUDGE

20.05.2019

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Whether speaking/ reasoned : Yes/ No

Whether Reportable : Yes/ No