

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

CRM-M-22904-2019

Date of Decision: 23.07.2019

Vishal Sethi

.. Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

..Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE INDERJIT SINGH

Present: Mr. Navraj Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sidakmeet Singh Sandhu, AAG, Punjab.

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Inderjit Singh, J. (Oral)

Petitioner Vishal Sethi has filed this petition under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.34 dated 01.05.2018, registered at Police Station Mahilpur, District Hoshiarpur, under Section 306 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860.

Notice of motion was issued.

Learned State counsel appeared and contested the instant petition. Reply has already been filed.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner as well as learned State counsel and gone through the record.

In the present case, a threatening call from co-accused Manpreet Singh @ Mani was received by deceased Shamsher Singh. As per the FIR, he had also received other calls from different mobile phone numbers and one of the mobile phone number belongs to the petitioner. Shamsher Singh committed suicide due to threatening by consuming some poisonous substance.

The present petitioner is not named in the FIR. He has

been connected only through the mobile phone owned by him.

The petitioner has been in custody since 15.12.2018. He is not required for any investigation or interrogation purposes as he is in judicial custody. The trial of the case may take long time. No useful purpose will be served by keeping him in custody till the final disposal of the case.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the present case; without discussing the facts in minute detail and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this criminal miscellaneous petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail subject to his furnishing personal bonds in the sum of ₹50,000/- with one surety in the like amount to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

23.07.2019
Jasmine Kaur

(INDERJIT SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes
Whether reportable	No