

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH
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CRM-M-50665-2018

Date of decision : 14.05.2019

Manga Singh

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. Naveen Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Bhupender Beniwal, AAG, Punjab

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the petition is to grant regular bail in FIR No.126, dated 18.06.2018, under Sections 307/324/148/149 IPC, registered at Police Station Nathana, District Bathinda

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that there is a delay of 18 days in lodging the complaint to the police, although, the injured was first of all taken to Civil Hospital, Bathinda and thereafter referred to CMC, Ludhiana. He further contends that petitioner is in custody since 23.06.2018 i.e. for a period of more than 10 months and he is not involved in any other case. He further submits that the investigation is complete, challan has been presented, charges have been framed and the case is fixed for prosecution evidence but none of the witnesses have been examined.

On the other hand, learned counsel for the State of Punjab has submitted that the injured remained admitted in hospital for 15 days.

This court has considered the submissions. It is undisputed that the petitioner is in custody since 23.06.2018 i.e. for a period of more than 10 months. As per stand taken by the State, the prosecution is to examine

14 witnesses.

Without commenting on the merits of the case and keeping in view the fact that the petitioner is in custody for more than ten months and the hearing of the case is likely to take a long time, the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail subject to furnishing of adequate surety to the satisfaction of the concerned trial court.

Accordingly, the present petition is allowed.

May 14, 2019
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(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

: Yes/No
: Yes/No