

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

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CRM-M-27072-2019.

Date of Decision: 02.09.2019.

Baljinder Singh alias Bhola alias Ballu

....Petitioner.

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEKHER DHAWAN

Present: Mr. Avtar S. Khinda, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Pawan Sharda, Sr. 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- Baljinder Singh alias Bhola alias Ballu son of Nirmal Singh in case F.I.R. No.178 dated 13.09.2016 under Sections 323, 324, 307/34 of the Indian Penal Code (Sections 326 and 379-B IPC added lateron), registered at Police Station Kotwali, District Kapurthala.

Learned counsel representing petitioner contended that the petitioner is in custody since 06.06.2017 and the main accused in F.I.R., namely, Manjit Singh Manna and Baljit Singh alias Ballu have already been released on bail by this Court vide orders dated 14.09.2017 and 25.05.2017 respectively; 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.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Mangat Ram, contended that trial in this case is almost at the fag end because almost of the prosecution witnesses have already been examined and only two witnesses are yet to be examined. However, learned State counsel has not disputed the fact that remaining two accused have already been admitted to bail in this case.

At this stage, without commenting anything on the merits of the case, which may not cause prejudice to either of the parties at a later stage, but taking the above facts into consideration and the fact the petitioner is in custody since 06.06.2017, co-accused Manjit Singh Manna and Baljit Singh alias Ballu have already been released on bail by this Court vide orders dated 14.09.2017 and 25.05.2017 respectively; trial of the case still to take some more time and no useful purpose would be served by detaining the petitioner behind the bars, the present petition is allowed. Petitioner—Baljinder Singh alias Bhola alias Ballu, 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

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Whether speaking/ reasoned : Yes/ No

Whether Reportable : Yes/ No