

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

**CRM-M No. 31310 of 2019
Date of Decision:-13.09.2019**

Lovepreet Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ

Present:- Mr. Vaibhav Narang, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Hittan Nehra, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

MANOJ BAJAJ J.(Oral)

Petitioner-Lovepreet Singh has filed the present petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail pending trial in case FIR No. 69 dated 14.3.2019, under Section 379-B(2) IPC read with Section 34 IPC, registered at Police Station Sadar, District Police Commissionerate Amritsar. The petitioner is in custody since his arrest on 26.3.2019.

As per the allegations levelled by the complainant, three persons with muffled faces had come to the shop of complainant, where one customer, namely, Manjinder Singh was also present. According to the complainant, when the accused pointed out the gun, he took out all the money from the cash box and delivered to the accused, which was approximately Rs.60,000/-. The accused also took away the mobile phones lying on the counter and one of those belonged to the customer as well.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that petitioner Lovepreet Singh is in custody for the last six months and investigation of the case is complete. According to him the final report stands filed and the trial is likely to consume considerable time, therefore, further custody of the petitioner may not be justified. He further contends that the petitioner had already moved a representation dated 10.5.2019 (Annexure P-2) regarding his false implication, wherein he has produced the CCTV recording and audio recording in his defence, whereupon the inquiry was marked, however, before that could be concluded, the final report stands submitted.

On the other hand, the prayer is opposed by learned State counsel, who is assisted by ASI Rajinder Singh. However, it is not disputed that the investigation is complete and the petitioner is not involved in any other case.

Considering the above background of the case and the fact that trial will take considerable time, therefore, further detention of the petitioner is not justified. Resultantly, without meaning any expression of opinion on the merits of the case it is ordered that the petitioner be released on regular bail subject to his furnishing requisite bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court, Amritsar.

The petition is allowed.

September 13, 2019
Vijay Asija

(MANOJ BAJAJ)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes / No
Yes / No