

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

**CRM-M No. 31096 of 2019
Date of Decision:-21.11.2019**

Manmohan Singh @ Mohna

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ

Present:- Mr. Arjun Veer Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramdeep Partap Singh, DAG, Punjab.

MANOJ BAJAJ J.(Oral)

Petitioner-Manmohan Singh @ Mohna has filed the present petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail pending trial in case FIR No. 273 dated 21.10.2018, under Sections 394, 458, 395 and 411 IPC, registered at Police Station City Jagraon, District Ludhiana. The petitioner is in custody since 23.10.2018.

The FIR in the present case has been registered on 21.10.2018 on the statement of Nachhattar Singh wherein it was alleged that when he was sitting at home alongwith wife, sons, daughters-in-law and grandchildren, and his son Navjot Singh was counting the currency notes of

approximately ₹2.25 lakhs, 5 persons entered his house and one of them armed with kirpan and the other 4 having muffled faces were armed with knives, snatched the same from his son and asked for more money. Out of fear, family members opened the almirah and the accused took cash and gold jewellery lying there. While leaving, the accused with kirpan gave a blow on the head of the complainant's son Navjot Singh. The accused also took two Activa vehicles parked in the Courtyard.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that neither the petitioner has been named in the FIR nor any injury has been attributed to him. It has been further contended that challan has already been filed and charges have also been framed against the petitioner. It is also contended that the petitioner is in custody since 23.10.2018 and co-accused of the petitioner have already been granted bail by this Court vide order dated 15.1.2019 in CRM-M-53802-2018 and dated 23.7.2019 in CRM-M-21346-2019.

On the other hand, learned State counsel, who is assisted by ASI Darshan Singh, has opposed the prayer. However, he does not dispute that the challan has been filed and charges have also been framed against the petitioner.

After hearing learned counsel for the parties, this Court finds that the trial of the case is likely to consume considerable time and keeping in view the custodial period of the petitioner, his further custody may not be justified. Therefore, 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, Ludhiana.

The petition is allowed.

November 21, 2019

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(MANOJ BAJAJ)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable

Yes / No