

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-42739-2019

Date of Decision: 20.11.2019

Manoj Kumar @ Lalu

.. Petitioner

Vs.

State of Haryana

..Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ

Present: Mr. Gurinder Singh Goraya, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sanjay Kumar Saini, AAG, Haryana.

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Manoj Bajaj, J.

Petitioner has filed this petition under Article 439 Cr.PC. for grant of regular bail in a case FIR No.0163 dated 20.04.2019, under Section 136 of the Electric Act, 2003, registered at Police Station Sadar Thanesar, District Kurukshetra. He is in custody since his arrest on 09.06.2019.

The present FIR was registered on the complaint moved by Sub Divisional Officer, Shahabad on the allegations that on the intervening night of 18/19.04.2019, transformer installed in the fields of Bhagwan Dass was stolen by some unknown persons due to which a total loss of ₹51,530/- was caused to the Nigam.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the investigation of the case is complete and the final report has been filed before the Court. He submits that the trial is likely to consume considerable time and the petitioner, who is in custody for the last 5½ months be released on bail.

On the other hand, learned State counsel assisted by HC

Surinder Singh has opposed the prayer on the ground that three more cases of similar nature are pending against the petitioner. However, it is not disputed that the investigation of the case is complete.

After hearing learned counsel for the parties, this Court is of the opinion that 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. 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, Kurukshetra.

The petition is allowed.

20.11.2019
Jasmine Kaur

(MANOJ BAJAJ)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes
Whether reportable	No