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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-47938-2019

Date of decision-18.11.2019

Sandeep Singh

....Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ

Present: Mr. S.K.Arya, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramdeep Partap Singh, DAG, Punjab.

MANOJ BAJAJ, J.

Petitioner-Sandeep Singh has preferred this petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.69 dated 14.03.2019 under Section 379-B(2) read with Section 34 of Indian Penal Code, 1860 (Sections 411, 201, 392 and 451 IPC and Section 25 of Arms Act, 1959 added later on) registered at Police Station Sadar, District Amritsar (Punjab). The petitioner is in custody since his arrest on 13.05.2019.

The FIR was recorded on the statement of complainant, namely, Rajiv Bhatia, wherein it was alleged that on 14.03.2019, when complainant was present at his shop and talking to his customer, Manjinder Singh, then three persons with muffled faces came to the shop. According to the complainant, the accused pointed out the gun at the complainant and asked

for the cash. He took out all the money from the counter and handed over to the accused, which was approximately Rs.60,000/-. The accused also took away the mobile phones lying on the counter, two of those belonging to the customer and his son. On these broad allegations, present FIR was registered.

Learned counsel for the petitioner refers to order dated 13.09.2019 (Annexure P-2) passed by this Court, whereby, concession of regular bail has already been extended to the co-accused, namely, Lovepreet Singh. According to him, investigation of the case is complete, therefore, further custody of the petitioner may not be required.

On the other hand, learned counsel for the State assisted by ASI Sudesh Kumar has opposed the bail. However, it is not disputed that co-accused has already been granted the bail.

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 investigation of the case is complete, therefore, further detention of the petitioner 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 concerned.

The petition is allowed.

(MANOJ BAJAJ)
JUDGE

18.11.2019

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Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes	No
Whether Reportable :	Yes	No