

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

CRM-M No.61626 of 2018

Date of Decision: 14.01.2019

Sandeep Singh @ Sonu

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

BEFORE :- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE DAYA CHAUDHARY

Present:- Mr. P.K.S. Phoolka, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Mehta, Sr. D.A.G., Punjab.

DAYA CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)

This petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C for grant of regular bail to petitioner, namely, Sandeep Singh @ Sonu in case FIR No.0227 dated 18.09.2018 registered under Sections 399, 402 IPC and Section 411 IPC (added later on) at Police Station Civil Lines, Bathinda, District Bathinda.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has falsely been implicated in the case, whereas, he was not involved. The petitioner has been shown to be arrested from the place of planning with handle of hand pump with him. Except the allegation of having handle of hand pump, no incriminating material has been recovered from the possession of the petitioner. Learned counsel also submits that co-accused of the petitioner, namely, Navdeep Singh alias Navi filed **CRM-M No.50001 of 2018** and he has been released on regular bail vide order dated 20.11.2018. Petitioner is at par with said co-accused. He is in custody since 18.09.2018. Charges have not been framed as only the challan has been presented. The trial may take some time to conclude and no useful

purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind bars. The complainant is a police official and it cannot be said that the petitioner may influence him.

Learned State counsel has not disputed the release of co-accused of the petitioner on regular bail and also the stage of trial as well as custody.

Heard the arguments of learned counsel for the parties and have also perused the contents of the FIR as well as order passed in the case of co-accused.

Without saying anything on the merits of the case and keeping in view the fact that co-accused, namely, Navdeep Singh alias Navi, against whom similar allegations are there as against the present petitioner, has been released on regular bail and the trial may take some time to conclude as only the challan has been presented, the present petition is allowed on the ground of party and petitioner, namely, Sandeep Singh @ Sonu is directed to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

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(DAYA CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether Reportable

Yes/No