

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

CRM-M-5293-2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision : 13.02.2020

..... Petitioner

Versus

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAMENDRA JAIN

Present : Mr. Ranjodh Singh Sidhu, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Bhupinder Beniwal, AAG, Punjab.

Ms. Harpreet Kaur, Advocate
for the complainant.

RAMENDRA JAIN, J. (Oral)

Through instant petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. prayer has been made for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in a case arising from FIR No.22 dated 01.04.2017, registered under Sections 302, 307, 452, 427, 506, 148, 149 IPC and 25, 27 and 30 of Arms Act, at Police Station Valtoha, District Tarn Taran.

Briefly, on 31.03.2017, a group of 15/20 persons, some of whom were armed with deadly weapons like double barrel guns, *takua* and *danda* etc., committed murder of two persons, namely, Kulwant Singh and Gurwinder Singh after demolishing wall of complainant Budh Singh. Petitioners were the members of that group.

Learned counsel contends that no injury has been

attributed to petitioner. He is in custody since 05.04.2017. Co-accused of petitioner namely Amar Singh, Kuldip Singh @ Lada, Pardeep Singh @ Bittu and Gurpal Singh have been enlarged on bail by this Court vide order dated 21.01.2020 in CRM-M-19181-2018, 11387-2019, 32641-2018 and 50755-2018 respectively. Conclusion of trial may take a sufficient long time. No useful purpose would be served by detaining the petitioner in jail any more.

On the other hand, learned State counsel vehemently opposed the grant of regular bail to the petitioner. He, however, admits that all material witnesses have been examined.

Considering overall facts and circumstances, but without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, treating the case of petitioner on the same parity as that of his aforesaid co-accused, the petition is allowed. Consequently, petitioner is ordered to be released on bail during pendency of trial, if not required in any other case, on his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of Trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

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(RAMENDRA JAIN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No