

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

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CRM-M No.8101 of 2020

Date of Decision: September 9th, 2020

Nirmal Singh @ Lalli

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CRM-M No.10287 of 2020

Ranjit Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASI

Present: Mr. Navinderjit Singh Dandiwal, Advocate
for the petitioner (in CRM-M No.8101 of 2020).

Mr. Amaninder Singh Sekhon, Advocate
for the petitioner (in CRM-M No.10287 of 2020).

Mr. B.S. Sewak, Additional Advocate General, Punjab.

(PROCEEDINGS THROUGH V.C.)

AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASI, J. (ORAL)

By this order, I propose to dispose of two regular bail petitions filed in FIR Nos.223 dated 03.12.2019 registered under Section 379-B/34 IPC at Police Station City, Kotkapura, District Faridkot.

It is the contention of learned counsel for the petitioners that the petitioners are in custody for almost nine months as they were arrested on 12.12.2019. No recovery has been effected from them. The challan has been filed but the charge could not be framed because of prevailing circumstances. Assertion has also been made that there is no other case against the petitioners except for the present one. Therefore, the concession of bail be granted to them.

Counsel for the State, on the other hand, contends that there are large number of incidents of snatching, which are taking place and, therefore, the petitioners do not deserve the concession of bail, however, he could not

dispute the factual aspect with regard to their being no recovery effected from the petitioners and that there is no other case against them, which is further apparent from the custody certificate dated 08.09.2020, which has been received from the Deputy Superintendent, Prison, Faridkot.

Having considered the submissions made by the counsel for the parties and keeping in view the fact that the petitioners are in custody for almost nine months and the trial is not likely to conclude in near future because even the charges have not been framed as per the prevailing situation, the present petitions are allowed.

Petitioners are directed to be released on bail to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, Faridkot.

Any observations made hereinabove are for the purpose of disposal of the present petitions alone and shall have no bearing on the merit of the case during the trial in any manner.

September 9th, 2020
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(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes

Whether Reportable: No