

**In The High Court for the States of Punjab and Haryana
At Chandigarh**

CRM-M-9808-2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision:- 26.8.2020

Amarjit @ Suraj

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Chander Shekhar Sharma, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Hittan Nehra, Addl. A.G. Punjab.

(Proceedings conducted through video conferencing)

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner seeks regular bail in a case registered against him vide FIR No.0208 dated 27.11.2019 under Section 379-B IPC and Sections 452, 201, 34 IPC (added later on), registered at Police Station Adampur, District Jalandhar.
2. As per allegations in the FIR, registered at the instance of one Kuldeep Singh, the complainant is working as Salesman in a wine shop. On 27.11.2019, at about 3 P.M. one person came to the shop for

purchase of a quarter of rum and after he handed over the same and asked for the amount, the said person put chilli powder in his eyes. The complainant, however, was able to catch hold of him. In the meantime, the person standing outside the shop came inside and gave him beatings and the accused persons also snatched money from him and ran away.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that he has falsely been implicated in the present case and that there is no evidence to substantiate the allegations levelled against him. He further submits that the petitioner is in custody since 27.11.2019 and is a first offender and as such entitled to be granted the concession of bail especially on grounds of parity as co-accused has already been granted bail.
4. Opposing the petition, learned State counsel submits that since there are serious allegations against the accused, he does not deserve to be released on bail. However, the State counsel, on instructions from ASI Paramjit Singh, has not disputed the fact that the petitioner is not involved in any other case and that he is in custody since the last 8 months and 23 days.
5. Without commenting anything on merits of the case, considering the fact that the petitioner is in custody since the last more than 8 months he is not involved in any other case and that co-accused has already been granted bail, further detention of the petitioner will not serve any useful purpose as conclusion of trial is likely to take some time. The petition, as such, is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be

released on regular bail on his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned.

August 26, 2020

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**(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking /reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable

Yes / No