

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

CRM-M-10898-2020

Date of decision: **4.9.2020**

VINOD KUMAR @ MAJNU

.....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA

.....Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. Dinesh Maurya, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Karan Sharma, AAG, Haryana.

(Proceedings conducted through video conferencing).

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner seeks grant of regular bail in a case registered vide FIR No.410 dated 9.8.2018 under Sections 302/460/34 IPC at Police Station Sadar Ratia, District Fatehabad.
2. The FIR in question was lodged at the instance of Subhash Chander wherein he has stated that his brother Nand Lal used to work as night Watchman in a factory of Toffies at Ratia and that on 9.8.2018 at about 7 a.m., the factory owner Rajender Kumar informed him that complainant's brother Nand Lal had been killed by some unknown assailants after tying his hands and legs. Upon receipt of said information, the complainant accompanied by his nephew Sonu and his cousin Fateh Chand reached the factory where his brother was working and saw that the dead-body of his

brother was lying, whose hands and legs had been tied. The complainant suspected that some unknown persons had entered the factory premises for the purpose of committing theft and had killed Nand Lal, who was working as a Watchman in the factory.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that he is not named in the FIR and that it was after about 8 months of the occurrence that statement of Shalu Rani, daughter of the deceased, was recorded on 28.3.2019 wherein she stated that the Jaspal @ Gori @ Shishpal used to harass her father and used to tell her father not to continue with the job of Chowkidar. The learned counsel has further submitted that thereafter the aforesaid Jaspal @ Gori @ Shishpal alongwith Sajjan Singh, Vijay Kumar and Vinod Kumar @ Majnu (petitioner) were arrested on 8.4.2019 and that they further made disclosure statements to the effect that they had committed the murder of Nand Lal in connivance with the co-accused Buta Singh and Kewal Deep. The learned counsel has submitted that apart from the aforesaid belated statement of Shalu Rani and the alleged statements of accused, there is no evidence to connect the petitioner with the occurrence and that no recovery whatsoever was ever effected from any of the accused. It has further been submitted that the co-accused of the petitioner namely Buta Singh and Kewal Singh have already been granted concession of bail by this Court on 2.9.2020.

4. Opposing the petition, the learned State counsel has submitted that since Shalu Rani in her statement recorded on 28.3.2019 under Section 161 Cr.P.C. has specifically named the petitioner to be involved in the occurrence, no case for grant of bail is made out. The learned State

counsel, upon instructions from SI Karambir has, however, informed that the petitioner has been behind bars since 8.4.2019 and that he is involved in any other case.

5. I have considered rival submissions addressed before this Court.

6. It is a case of blind murder wherein none had seen any of the accused. The petitioner, in any case, is sought to be involved on the basis of belated statement made by Shalu Rani daughter of deceased, which was recorded after 8 months of the occurrence. The veracity of such statement would certainly be debatable. In any case, since the petitioner is not even stated to be involved in any other case, his further detention would not serve any useful purpose. The petition, as such, is accepted 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.

(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

4.9.2020
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Whether reasoned / speaking? **Yes / No**

Whether reportable? **Yes / No**