

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH
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CRM-M-10785 of 2020
Date of decision:28.5.2020

Karamjit Singh @ Karma

... Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMOL RATTAN SINGH.

Present: Mr.Bikramjit Aroua, Advocate,
for the petitioner
Mr.Gaurav Dhariwal, Sr.DAG, Punjab.
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AMOL RATTAN SINGH, J. (ORAL)

All cases listed today have been taken up for hearing by way of video conferencing because of the situation existing due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

This petition has been filed under the provisions of Section 439 of the Cr.P.C. for grant of 'regular bail' to the petitioner in case FIR no.232 dated 3.9.2019, registered at Police Station Islamabad, Police Commissionerate, Amritsar, for the alleged commission of an offence punishable under Section 52 of the Prisons Act, 1894, as also for the alleged commission of offences punishable under Sections 307, 120-B, 148, 149 and 506 of the IPC (added subsequently).

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that though the petition earlier filed by the petitioner, i.e. CRM-M-46538 of 2019, was dismissed by this court (this Bench) on 6.11.2019, the petitioner has been in custody now for almost 9 months on account of the FIR in question, with a co-accused similarly placed having been admitted to bail by this very Bench

on 6.3.2020, such co-accused being Harmanjit Singh @ Harman, who had filed CRM-M-5976 of 2020.

He further submits that all injuries received by the parties concerned who had scuffled in jail, are similar in nature and consequently the petitioner deserves to the concession of bail, now at least.

Mr.Dhuriwala, learned Sr.DAG, Punjab, on the other hand submits that there are three other criminal cases registered against the petitioner, though upon query he states that it would seem that the petitioner has been admitted to bail in those cases as per the orders annexed along with this petition itself.

Keeping in view the fact that the petitioner has been in custody in the present FIR for a sufficiently long time now, with no serious injury attributed to him on any person, this petition is allowed, with the petitioner ordered to be admitted to bail upon his furnishing adequate bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial court/CJM/Duty Magistrate concerned.

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(Amol Rattan Singh)
Judge

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes
No