

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

CRM-M No.12680 of 2020
Date of decision: 3rd June, 2020

Nrippreet Singh @ Anny

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE FATEH DEEP SINGH

Present: Mr. Sukhwinder S. Kainth, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Sandeep Vermani, Addl. Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondent/State.

FATEH DEEP SINGH, J. (ORAL)

The matter has been taken up through video-conferencing on account of outbreak of pandemic COVID-19.

Accused petitioner Nrippreet Singh @ Anny son of Gurmeet Singh who is in judicial custody in case bearing FIR No.02 dated 02.01.2020 under Section 379-B IPC pertaining to Police Station City Faridkot, District Faridkot has come up in this first regular bail application under Section 439 Cr.P.C.

The present case was got registered on the statement of Sukhdev Singh son of Major Singh, a worker of Micro Finance (Bharat Finance Limited Company) as Sangam Manager claiming that on 02.01.2020 the complainant along with his colleague Baldev Singh son of Ram Chand were coming on a motorcycle after collecting loan amount

and on the way they were stopped by a white colour car in which four young persons aged between 25-26 years were sitting and after hitting the motorcycle, the culprits came out of the vehicle and snatched the bags in which they were carrying approximately ₹ 1.30 lacs along with mobile phone and biometric machine, and ran away from the spot.

It is subsequently on 06.01.2020 during the course of investigations on the statement of Manager of the victim Company Tarsem Singh son of Mohinder Singh, it transpired that Sukhdev Singh alias Manga son of Major Singh, the then complainant, confessed that the present petitioner along with his co-accused non-applicant Harpreet Singh alias Happy son of Sukhdev Singh and two unidentified persons came in a car bearing registration No.PB-15D-2222 make Accent, on the basis of which the present petitioner and Sukhdev Singh have been nominated.

Learned counsel for the petitioner Mr. Sukhwinder Singh Kainth, Advocate inter alia submits that the petitioner is not named in the FIR nor any test identification parade has been got conducted, arguing that the petitioner is behind bars since more than four months nineteen days entitling him to bail.

On behalf of the State, Mr. Sandeep Vermani, Addl. Advocate General, Punjab has strongly opposed the grant of bail on the grounds of heinousness of the offence and seriousness of allegations, arguing that all the accused in conspiracy with each other with a view to

defraud the Company had enacted the occurrence and that the investigations are at a crucial stage, and if allowed bail there is every likelihood the witnesses would be influenced.

Giving a thoughtful consideration to the submissions of the two sides, without feeling necessity to advert on to the merits of the case, the investigations are still at crucial stage and it would stifle the same if accused are released on bail. In view thereof, this Court is not inclined to allow bail to the present petitioner at this stage which stands declined and the instant petition dismissed.

(FATEH DEEP SINGH)
JUDGE

June 3, 2020
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No