

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

CRM-M-13889-2020

Date of Decision : 21.07.2020

Hardev Singh alias Manta and another

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA

Present: Mr.Amaninder Singh Sekhon, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr.B.S.Sewak, Addl.AG, Punjab.

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TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J.(ORAL) _

Matter has been taken up through Video Conferencing via Webex facility in the light of the COVID-19 situation and as per instructions.

Petitioners seek benefit of regular bail pending trial in FIR No.02 dated 02.01.2020 under Section 379-B IPC (Sections 411/201 IPC added later on), registered at Police Station City/Kotwali, Faridkot

Counsel for the parties have been heard.

Present case was got registered on the statement of Sukhdev Singh son of Major Singh who was working with Micro Finance i.e. a private limited finance company. Allegations are that on 02.01.2020 the complainant was proceeding along with a colleague on a motorcycle having collected certain loan instalments. They were accosted by four young men who were travelling in a white coloured car. The culprits came out of the vehicle and snatched the bag in

which there was approximately Rs.1,30,000/- cash along with mobile phone and biometric machine.

Apparently during the course of investigation Sukhdev Singh has himself been nominated as an accused.

In so far as petitioner No.2 is concerned, he is sought to be nominated as an accused on the disclosure statement of Sukhdev Singh.

State counsel has not been able to point out the basis/evidence on the strength of which petitioner No.1 has been implicated in the present case. Both the petitioners were arrested on 11.01.2020. Investigation in the case is complete. Challan has already been presented. Trial is at the very initial stage and would take long time to conclude and particularly keeping in view the current COVID-19 situation.

State counsel upon instructions from ASI Sukhwinder Singh informs the Court that the petitioners are not involved in any other case of a similar nature.

It is not the case made out on behalf of the State that the benefit of bail if granted to the petitioners, they would be in a position to hamper the course of a free and fair trial.

In view of the above and without making any observation on merits, petitioners are held entitled to the benefit of bail.

Petitioners be enlarged on bail on their furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial court/Duty Magistrate, Faridkot.

Disposed of.

21.07.2020
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(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No