

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-14642-2020 (O&M)

DATE OF DECISION: JULY 16, 2020

MANJEET SINGH

...PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ.

PRESENT: MR. G.S.SANDHU, ADVOCATE FOR THE PETITIONER.
MR. V.G. JAUHAR, SR.DAG, PUNJAB.

MANOJ BAJAJ, J.(ORAL)

Petitioner Manjeet Singh has filed this petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.143 dated 6.9.2019 under Sections 451, 353, 186, 332, 333, 148, 149, 120-B IPC (Section 379-B, 511 IPC added later on), Police Station Arniwala, District Fazilka, pending trial. The petitioner is in custody since his arrest.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the alleged occurrence took place when the Warrant Officer visited the police station pursuant to the orders passed by this Court in CRWP-782-2019. According to him, the occurrence as narrated by the complainant Sukhbir Singh is highly improbable and does not appeal to prudence. According to him, it was an attempt on his part to save his skin from the consequences of illegally detaining the petitioner's brother Baljit Singh. He submits that the investigation of the case is complete. He prays that the petitioner be granted concession of regular bail.

Learned State counsel assisted by ASI Surinder Singh does not dispute this fact that the investigation in this case is complete and the final

report has already been filed. However, it is not disputed that the investigation of the case is complete.

After hearing the learned counsel for the parties, this Court is of the opinion that the trial of the case is likely to consume considerable time, therefore, further custody of the petitioner may not be justified, particularly when the investigation of the case is complete. The petitioner is presently confined in custody and is not required for any useful purpose. Resultantly, without meaning any expression of opinion on the merits of the case, it is ordered that the petitioner be released on regular bail in the above case, subject to his furnishing requisite bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court concerned.

The petition is allowed.

July 16, 2020
Gulati

(MANOJ BAJAJ)
JUDGE

Whether Reportable : Yes/No

Whether Speaking/Reasoned : Yes/No