

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH.

CRM-M-16330 of 2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 13.07.2020.

Harjinder Singh

....Petitioner.

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE LALIT BATRA

Present: Mr. Rakesh Sobti, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Saurav Khurana, DAG, Punjab.

Lalit Batra, J.(Oral)

Case has been taken up for hearing through Video Conferencing.

Present petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C is for grant of regular bail to petitioner-**Harjinder Singh** in case F.I.R. No.101 dated 07.06.2019 under Section 379-B IPC read with Section 34 IPC (later on Section 379-B IPC was deleted and Sections 120-B, 201, 392 and 411 IPC and Sections 25 of the Arms Act were added) registered at Police Station B Division, Amritsar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that petitioner has no nexus whatsoever with the alleged offence. He further

submits that co-accused namely, Kuldeep Singh @ Jaj, Gurjant Singh @ Janta and Vikramjiet Singh @ Vicky have already been released on bail by this Court, vide orders dated 12.09.2019 and 29.01.2020 respectively. He further submits that petitioner is in custody since 15.06.2019 and he is no more required by the Police for any investigation purpose. He further urges that challan has been presented in the Court and trial has already commenced. He further urges that since trial of the case would take sufficient time to conclude, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner in custody further and he may be released on bail.

On the other hand, learned State counsel while opposing instant petition has vehemently argued that keeping in view seriousness of offence, petitioner does not deserve the concession of bail.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

At this stage, without commenting anything on the merits of the case lest it may prejudice the outcome of the trial but taking into consideration the fact that petitioner is in custody since 15.06.2019; that petitioner is no more required by the Investigating Agency for investigation purpose; that challan has been presented in the Court; that trial has already commenced and since trial of the case would take sufficient time to conclude, no useful purpose would be served by detaining the petitioner in custody further, thus, he deserves the concession of bail.

In view of above, instant petition for grant of regular bail moved by petitioner-**Harjinder Singh** is allowed and he is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of Chief Judicial Magistrate/Trial Court/Duty Magistrate, Amritsar, as the case may be.

(LALIT BATRA)
JUDGE

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