

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

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CRM-M-17742 of 2020

Date of Decision: 23.07.2020.

Shivam @ Beri

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE LALIT BATRA

Present: Mr. Sandeep Arora, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Luvinder Sofat, AAG, Punjab.

Lalit Batra, J.(Oral)

Present petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C is for grant of regular bail to petitioner-**Shivam @ Beri** in case F.I.R. No.184 dated 19.11.2019 under Sections 379-B and 411 IPC registered at Police Station Division No.6, Police Commissionerate Jalandhar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that petitioner has no nexus whatsoever with the alleged offence. He further urges that though there was no complaint from any victim or public, however, petitioner has been falsely roped in as accused merely only on the basis of secret information. He further urges that even otherwise a bare perusal of complaint, no offence of snatching is made out. He further submits that petitioner is in custody since 19.11.2019 and he is no more required by the Police for any investigation purpose. He further urges that challan has already been presented in the Court and since consequent trial would take sufficient time to conclude, no useful

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purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner in custody further, thus, 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 19.11.2019; that petitioner is no more required by the Investigating Agency for investigation purpose; that challan has already been presented in Court and since consequent 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-**Shivam @ Beri** is allowed and he is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of Trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, Jalandhar, as the case may be.

(LALIT BATRA)
JUDGE

23.07.2020

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes
Whether reportable : No