

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

(Proceedings conducted through video Conference)

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CRM-M-17772-2019 (O&M)

Date of decision: 28.05.2020

MANDEEP SINGH @ MANNA

... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE REKHA MITTAL

Present : Mr. JS Thakur, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Suveer Sheokhand, Addl. AG, Punjab.

REKHA MITTAL, J. (Oral)

Mandeep Singh @ Manna, accused in FIR No.185 dated 29.09.2010 registered at Police Station Phillaur, District Jalandhar Rural for offence under Sections 382 and 34 IPC (charges framed under Sections 397, 420, 467 and 471 IPC) prays for grant of regular bail, pending trial.

Counsel for the petitioner would argue that though the petitioner absented from proceedings and declared as proclaimed offender but he is in custody since 15.02.2019. It is further argued that co-accused in the case Charanjit Singh @ Jeeta and others faced trial and were acquitted of the offence vide judgment dated 22.01.2015 passed by the Additional Sessions Judge, Jalandhar. It is further argued that custody of the accused for more than one year may be a sufficient deterrent of his jumping bail again. The last submission made by counsel is that petitioner is ready to face trial without any default.

Counsel representing State of Punjab would argue that there are other criminal cases registered against the petitioner. In one of the cases, he

has already undergone sentence awarded to him; in a case under Section 302 IPC, he has been released on bail by the trial Court and in another case registered under Sections 323, 324 and 447 IPC etc., he has not been granted bail.

Counsel for the petitioner, in reply, would state that the petitioner is on bail in all other cases registered against him.

In the instant case, the petitioner was enlarged on bail, during pendency of trial, he absented from the proceedings and declared proclaimed offender vide order dated 01.02.2014 later, he was arrested on 15.02.2019. The co-accused Charanjit Singh @ Jeeta and others were acquitted of the offence by the trial Court. The petitioner is ready to face trial without any default.

Without meaning to express any opinion on merits of the controversy, petitioner is ordered to be enlarged on bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds in the sum of Rs.1 lakh with two sureties of the like amount subject to satisfaction of the trial Court/Additional Sessions Judge (on duty). However, he shall abide by the following conditions:-

- (i) He shall not, directly or indirectly, make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him/her from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer; and
- (ii) He shall not leave India without previous permission of the Court.

Disposed of.

28.05.2020

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(REKHA MITTAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes / No

Whether reportable:

Yes / No