

IN THE PUNJAB AND HARYANA HIGH COURT AT
CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-22993 of 2020
Date of decision: 20.08.2020.

Jeet Singh alias Sukhjit Singh

Vs

State of Punjab

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Parminder Singh Sekhon, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. H.S. Sitta, AAG Punjab.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL J. (Oral)

Case is taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

Through the instant petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C., the petitioner seeks regular bail in case FIR No. 111 dated 31.10.2016, registered under Section 302,341,120-B, 148, 149, IPC Read with Section 25 and 27 of Arms Act, 1959 at Police Station Sadar, Mansa District Mansa.

At the outset learned counsel for the petitioner states that though the petitioner is the main accused but he has already undergone custody of 3 years 9 months and 12 days and there is no case pending against him. He further point outs that in the present case private witnesses have been already been examined and out of 10 accused 9 co-accused are on bail.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of this Court, Mr. H.S. Sitta, AAG Punjab,

accepts notice on behalf of the respondent State. Copy of custody certificate by way of affidavit of PPS, Deputy Superintendent, Central Prison Faridkot, submitted by the learned State counsel through email, is taken on record. Learned State counsel has not disputed the custody period and further states that the complainant and other private witnesses have been examined and only the official witness remains to be examined and out of 20 prosecution witnesses 11 have been examined.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties. The petitioner has already undergone 3 years 9 months 12 days of incarceration and the other co-accused are on bail. The complainant and other private witnesses are already stand examined. The trial will take time to conclude and no useful purpose would be served by detaining the petitioner behind the bars.

In view of the above, without commenting anything on the merits, lest it should prejudice the case of either side, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

20.08.2020.
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Whether reasoned/speaking?	Yes/No
Whether reportable?	Yes/No