

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH.

CRM-M-24800 of 2020 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 4.9.2020

Beant Singh

....Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KARAMJIT SINGH

Present: Mr. Sukhmeet Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner (s).

Mr. Amit Mehta, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

KARAMJIT SINGH, J.(Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Section 439 Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.22 dated 17.2.2020 registered for the offences punishable under Sections 379-B, 411, 34 of Indian Penal Code (for short, "IPC") at Police Station Baghapurana, District Moga.

Heard.

Learned counsel for petitioner submits that the FIR in this case was registered against the petitioner and one Satnam Singh alias Sattu alleging that they snatched one bag containing ₹ 48,555/-, one tablet of i-ball company, mobile phone having SIM No.79912-67550 of Airtel and 89295-94150 of Vodafone and some other documents from Nadeem Khan employee of Satin Credit Care Finance Company on 17.2.2020.

It is further contended that as per prosecution version, both the accused were arrested on 22.2.2020 and a sum of ₹ 8,000/- each was recovered from them. Learned counsel for the petitioner has further

contended that co-accused Satnam Singh alias Sattu has already been granted regular bail by this Court in CRM-M-15881-2020 decided on 10.8.2020.

Learned State counsel has contended that apart from currency notes worth ₹ 8,000/.-, some burnt papers were also recovered from the petitioner. He has opposed the bail application and made request that the same be declined.

The petitioner is in custody since 22.2.2020. He was not named in the FIR. His co-accused, having same allegations, has already been granted regular bail by this Court. Trial is not progressing due to Covid-19 situation. No useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind bars for any further period. There is no apprehension on behalf of the State that the petitioner is likely to abscond or his likely to dissuade the witnesses from deposing before the Court, if released on bail.

In the light of the above, without commenting or expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on bail pending trial subject to his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/concerned Duty Magistrate.

September 4, 2020

Paritosh Kumar

**(KARAMJIT SINGH)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No