

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

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**CRM-M-26320-2020
Date of Decision: 14.09.2020**

Surinder SinghPetitioner.

Versus

State of PunjabRespondent.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE LALIT BATRA

Present: Mr.Munish Puri, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr.J.P.Ratra, 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-Surinder Singh in case F.I.R. No.72 dated 15.03.2018 under Sections 201, 379-B and 382 IPC, registered at Police Station City Rajpura, District Patiala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that petitioner has no nexus whatsoever with the alleged offence. He further urges that PW-1 Surinder Singh and PW-2 Gurwinder Singh, complainant and material witnesses, when appeared in the witness-box have categorically deposed that they could not identify the persons who had allegedly snatched bag from them as they were driving the motorcycle at high speed. He further urges that petitioner is in custody since 28.04.2019 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 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 and have carefully gone through the documents placed on record at the instance of the petitioner.

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 28.04.2019; 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 the petitioner-Surinder Singh 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, Patiala, as the case may be.

September 14, 2020
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(LALIT BATRA)
JUDGE

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