

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

**202**

**CRM-M-27987-2020**

**Decided on : 25.09.2020**

Vinay Kumar

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE G.S. SANDHAWALIA**

Present: Mr. Ravi Malhotra, Advocate for the petitioner (s).

Mr. B.S. Sewak, Addl. AG, Punjab.

(The proceedings are being conducted through  
video conferencing, as per instructions.)

**G.S. Sandhawalia, J. (Oral)**

In the present petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C., the petitioner seeks regular bail in FIR No.103 dated 24.06.2019 under Sections 379-B, 201 IPC, registered at Police Station Division No.2, District Ludhiana.

Counsel for the petitioner has submitted that as per the custody certificate dated 17.09.2020, he has undergone detention of 1 year 2 months and the trial is not proceeding, as out the 8 PWs, none has been examined.

Counsel for the State on the other hand has submitted that as per the custody certificate there are as many as 4 more cases of similar nature against the petitioner.

Counsel for the petitioner has, accordingly, argued that the FIR was lodged by one Rinki Sehgal, whose gold chain had been snatched by two persons, who were riding a motorcycle and the pillion rider was without a helmet.

The bail application was dismissed by the Additional Sessions

Judge, Ludhiana vide order dated 06.07.2020, on account of the fact that the petitioner is a habitual criminal, as FIR No.102 dated 08.05.2019 and FIR No.96 dated 20.06.2019 had also been lodged against him.

Counsel has, accordingly, pointed out that in FIR No.102 he had been granted the benefit of regular bail in **CRM-M-21031-2020** on 18.09.2020. Counsel has further submitted that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in all the cases, which are pertaining to the months of April to July, 2019 of similar nature of snatching. On account of the arrest in one case and on the basis of the disclosure statements as such taken during the custody, he has been nominated in all the cases.

Accordingly, keeping in view the fact that he has undergone detention for a period of 1 year 2 months and the trial is not likely to conclude in near future, in view of the Covid-19 situation, the petitioner is entitled for the benefit of regular bail. Resultantly, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner be released on bail on his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Illaqua Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, Ludhiana.

**SEPTEMBER 25, 2020**  
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**(G.S. SANDHAWALIA)**  
**JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:

Yes/No