

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

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**CRM-M-28915-2020
Date of Decision: 25.09.2020.**

Manpreet Singh @ Lakhi and another

....Petitioners.

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE LALIT BATRA

Present: Mr.Kanwaljeet Singh Brar, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr.Harbir Sandhu, AAG 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 petitioners namely Manpreet Singh @ Lakhi and Ramandeep Singh @ Sunny in case F.I.R. No.03 dated 11.01.2020 under Sections 148,308,323,325 and 506 read with Section 149 IPC(Section 304 IPC added later on) registered at Police Station Sehna, District Barnala.

Learned counsel for the petitioners at the very outset prays for withdrawal of petition qua petitioner-Ramandeep Singh @ Sunny, at this stage.

Ordered accordingly.

Learned counsel for the petitioners *inter alia* contends that petitioner-**Manpreet Singh @ Lakhi** has no nexus whatsoever with the

alleged offence. He further submits that on a bare perusal of the allegations as levelled in the FIR, head injuries on the person of Beant Singh(since deceased), which prove fatal, have been attributed to co-accused Jassi Singh and Sunny Singh. He further urges that only '*lalkara*' has been attributed to petitioner-Manpreet Singh @ Lakhi. He further submits that petitioner is in custody since 11.01.2020 and he is no more required by the Police for any investigation purpose. He further urges that challan has been presented in the Court and trial has already commenced. He further urges that since trial of the case would take sufficient time to conclude, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner in custody further and 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.

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 only '*lalkara*' is attributed to petitioner-Manpreet Singh @ Lakhi; that petitioner is in custody since 11.01.2020; that petitioner is no more required by the Investigating Agency for investigation purpose; that challan has been presented in the Court; that trial has already commenced 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 petitioner-**Manpreet Singh @ Lakhi** is allowed and he is

ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of Chief Judicial Magistrate/Trial Court/Duty Magistrate, Barnala, as the case may be.

September 25, 2020
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(LALIT BATRA)
JUDGE

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