

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

Sr. No.208

**Crl. Misc. No.M-29687 of 2020
DATE OF DECISION: 05.10.2020**

KARAM SINGH

..PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

..RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. Amaninder Singh Sekhon, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Ajay Pal Singh Gill, DAG, Punjab.

SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner seeks grant of regular bail in case FIR No. 77 dated 19.10.2016 registered at Police Station Kotbhai, District Sri Muktsar Sahib, under Sections 302, 307, 379, 436, 336, 427, 324, 323, 148, 149, 120-B IPC and Sections 25/27 of Arms Act, 1959.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been in custody for almost 04 years. Only one PW has been examined in chief and thus, the trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date. There is no other criminal case pending against the petitioner. Identically situated co-accused namely Gurjant Singh @ Uttam Singh has been granted regular bail by this Court vide order dated 09.09.2020 passed in CRM-M-25753-2020 and thus, the petitioner may also be granted regular bail.

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3. Custody certificate dated 03.10.2020 has been presented in Court. The same is taken on record. According to this certificate, the petitioner has undergone actual custody of 03 years, 11 months and 03 days and there is no other criminal case pending against him.

4. Learned State counsel concedes that the role of the petitioner is identical to that of aforementioned Gurjant Singh @ Uttam Singh.

5. Thus, in view of the custody period already undergone as well as on the principle of parity, I deem it appropriate to release the petitioner on regular bail.

6. Accordingly, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

05.10.2020

Ankur

**(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether Reportable

Yes/No