

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

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**CRM-M-36230-2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 10.11.2020**

(through video conferencing)

ASI Major Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

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

Mr. Avtar Singh Sandhu, DAG, Punjab.

Manjari Nehru Kaul, J.(Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioner, in case FIR No.88 dated 11.08.2020 under Sections 384, 419 and 34 IPC and under Section 13(2) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, registered at Police Station Kote Ise Khan, District Moga.

Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the case in hand inasmuch as a perusal of FIR clearly reveals that no money was ever demanded by the petitioner who was shown to be present at the time of the alleged occurrence nor did he snatch any money from the person of the complainant or from the dashboard of the truck. It has further been submitted that all the allegations are against the co-accused who had allegedly demanded and snatched the money from the dash board of the truck of the complainant. He further submits that the petitioner has been in custody since 11.08.2020 and only

challan has been presented till date. Hence, a prayer has been made for concession of regular bail since the trial is unlikely to conclude in the near future.

Per contra, learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Sulakhan Singh, while opposing the prayer of learned counsel for the petitioner and submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner, has not been able to controvert the factual aspect of the case.

Heard.

In view of the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner and keeping in view the fact that the petitioner has been in custody since 11.08.2020 and due to the outbreak of the pandemic Covid-19, the trial is not likely to conclude in the near future, I deem it is a fit case to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioner. Without expressing anything on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

10.11.2020

D.Bansal

Whether speaking/ reasoned :	Yes/ No
Whether Reportable :	Yes/ No