

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

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CRM-M-38087-2020

Date of Decision:25.11.2020

Thana Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA.

**Present: Mr. Kamal Narula, Advocate,
for the petitioner.**

Mr. Sukhbir Singh, A.A.G., Punjab.

HARI PAL VERMA, J.(Oral)

The matter has been taken up for hearing through video conferencing due to outbreak of COVID-19.

Prayer in this petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in FIR No.91 dated 27.08.2019 under Sections 302, 379, 149 IPC, registered at Police Station Zira, District Ferozepur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has argued that the petitioner is in custody since 29.08.2019 and the allegations against the petitioner are similar to that of co-accused, namely Ranjit Singh, Jagdev Singh @ Megha and Baldev Singh. Co-accused Ranjit Singh has been admitted on bail by this Court vide order dated 16.07.2020 passed in **CRM-M-17010-2020 (Ranjit Singh Versus State of Punjab)**, whereas other co-accused Jagdev Singh @ Megha and Baldev Singh have been admitted on bail vide order

dated 04.11.2020 passed by this Court in **CRM-M-20328-2020 (Jagdev**

Singh @ Megha and another Versus State of Punjab).

Learned State Counsel does not dispute the custody period of the petitioner. However, he submits that the role attributed to the petitioner is similar to that of co-accused Ranjit Singh, Jagdev Singh @ Megha and Baldev Singh.

Heard learned counsel for the parties.

Petitioner is in custody since 29.08.2019 and similarly situated co-accused have been admitted on bail by this Court in the aforesaid petitions. Trial in the case is not likely to be concluded in the near future. Moreover, COVID-19 pandemic is likely to cause further delay in the trial, Thus, this Court deems it appropriate to admit the petitioner on bail.

Accordingly, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is admitted on regular bail, subject to his furnishing adequate bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

However, it is made clear that the observations made hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression on the merits of the case and the trial Court shall proceed with the trial independently without being influenced by the order of bail passed by this Court.

November 25, 2020
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(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No