

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

(Heard through VC)

CRM-M-44884-2019 (O&M)

Date of Decision: November 16, 2020

Jagjit Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Navjot Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Monika Jalota, DAG Punjab.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (Oral)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.145 dated 17.08.2017, under Section 302 of the Indian Penal Code, registered at Police Station Garhshankar, District Hoshiarpur.

Counsel for the petitioner herein would contend that the petitioner has been in custody in the aforesaid FIR since 25.08.2017. It is argued that this is a case of blind murder and there is no direct evidence linking him with the occurrence on the intervening night of 16/17.08.2017. It is submitted that he has been nominated as an accused on the basis of hearsay evidence.

Per contra, learned State counsel, on instructions from SI Rakesh Kumar, opposes the grant of regular bail to the petitioner on the ground that the trial is likely to conclude soon, as most of the witnesses have already been examined. It is further submitted that the matter is now listed for 25.11.2020 before the trial court for recording the statement of remaining two witnesses, who are official witnesses.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and in view of the fact that only two witnesses remain to be examined and have been summoned for 25.11.2020, the trial court is directed to conclude the evidence as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of 04 months as on date. This direction is with the stipulation that the counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner would not seek unnecessary adjournments before the trial court.

The instant petition stands disposed of with the aforesaid directions.

November 16, 2020

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(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No