

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

Sr. No.203

**CRM-M-50708-2019 (O&M)
DATE OF DECISION: June 11, 2020**

RAMANDEEP SINGH @ GIFTI

...PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. Amit Dhawan, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Ms. Monika Jalota, DAG, Punjab.

SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (ORAL)

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The application is allowed and Annexures A-6 & A-7 are taken on record.

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The petitioner seeks grant of regular bail in case FIR No. 227 dated 23.10.2017 registered at Police Station Division No.1, Jalandhar, under Section 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 120-B IPC.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been in custody since 12.02.2018. Challan has been submitted but examination of PWs has not yet commenced. All the co-accused have been granted bail. More than 01 year and 02 months has elapsed since the withdrawal of the earlier bail application and thus, the circumstances have changed materially. Accordingly, the petitioner deserves to be granted regular bail.

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3. Learned State counsel opposes the prayer for bail. She submits that the petitioner is the main accused in this case and there are 10 other similar cases pending against him. Co-accused Parminder Singh has jumped bail and thus, the trial is being delayed. The petitioner being a habitual offender may also abscond in case he is granted the concession of bail.

4. So far as the contention regarding 10 other similar cases being pending against the petitioner is concerned, a perusal of CRM-11662-2020 shows that the petitioner is on bail in all the said cases. The petitioner has been in custody for more than 02 years as on date and the blame for delay in the trial cannot be placed on the shoulders of the petitioner. Keeping in view the custody period, the fact that the offence is triable by a Magistrate as well as the fact that the trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date, I deem it appropriate to allow this petition.

5. It is directed the petitioner be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned subject to marking his presence in the concerned police station every two weeks and also subject to the petitioner sharing his mobile number and that of his immediate family members with the police.

June 11, 2020

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**(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned *Yes*

Whether Reportable *No*