

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

**CRM-M-54284-2019
Date of decision: 25.02.2020**

Sukhraj Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present:- Mr. Sahil R. Bakshi, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. M. S. Nagra, AAG, Punjab.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (Oral)

This petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 90 dated 11.07.2019, registered under Sections 399, 402 of the IPC (Section 411 IPC added later on) and Section 25 of the Arms Act, 1959 at Police Station Sadar, District Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner relies upon order dated 02.12.2019 passed in CRM-M-41413-2019, wherein co-accused Gurpreet Singh @ Bobby has been granted concession of regular bail by this Court by passing the following order:

“...Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that as per allegations in the FIR, on receiving a secret information that the petitioner along with some other persons are habitual of snatching and are planning to commit some heinous crime, a raid was conducted and the petitioner and others were arrested. It is further submitted that the petitioner is in custody since 11.07.2019; he is on bail in 01 FIR; the case is still at the

stage of framing of charge and it will take long time in conclusion of the trial.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Lakhvir Singh, has not disputed the factual position...”

Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that even against the petitioner, the allegations are similar in nature to that of said co-accused and the petitioner is in judicial custody since 11.07.2019. It is further submitted that the petitioner is in on bail in another FIR relating to the year 2014.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Harphool Singh, has not disputed the factual position and submitted that challan stands presented and the case is now fixed for framing of charge.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Without commenting upon the merits of the case, considering the fact that similarly situated co-accused has already been granted concession of regular bail by this Court as notice above and also in view of the fact that petitioner is in judicial custody since 11.07.2019 and conclusion of the trial is likely to take some time; the instant petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail/surety to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

25.02.2020

Waseem Ansari

**(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No