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

**CRM-M No.868 of 2021
Date of Decision: 14.01.2021**

JASPREET SINGH

.....Petitioner

Vs

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....Respondent

CORAM: *HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ MOHAN SINGH*

Present: Mr. Sandeep Verma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Monica Jalota, D.A.G., Punjab.

RAJ MOHAN SINGH, J.(Oral)

The case has been taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

Petitioner seeks grant of regular bail under Section 439 Cr.P.C in case bearing FIR No.137 dated 17.09.2015, registered under Sections 379-B, 395, 411, 473, 148, 149, IPC at Police Station Baghapurana, District Moga.

Learned counsel for the petitioner seeks parity with Mandeep Singh @ Money who has been granted regular bail by by this Court vide order dated 29.01.2020 passed in CRM-M No.33070 of 2019.

Petitioner was also declared as proclaimed offender on 02.07.2018 and was arrested on 17.12.2019. In case of Mandeep Singh @ Money, he was declared as proclaimed offender and was arrested on 12.04.2019. After declaring the accused as proclaimed offender, challan was presented against the co-accused and they were acquitted on the ground that the complainant was declared hostile and did not identify the co-accused namely Kulwinder Singh @ Kinder and Gurdeep Singh @ Deepa.

Learned State counsel however opposed the bail on the ground that the petitioner is having antecedent behaviour of criminal activity as he is involved in number of cases.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the complainant has been examined on 08.01.2020 and he has not supported the case of the prosecution.

At this stage, in view of acquittal of the co-accused on the ground of the complainant being hostile, I deem it appropriate to enlarge the petitioner on regular bail treating the petitioner on parity with co-accused Mandeep Singh @ Money.

In view of above, petition is allowed. Petitioner is ordered to be released on bail, subject to his furnishing adequate bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial

Court/concerned Duty Magistrate.

Nothing expressed hereinabove would be construed to be an expression of any opinion on merits of the case.

January 14, 2021

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Whether speaking/reasoned

Whether reportable

(RAJ MOHAN SINGH)
JUDGE

Yes/No

Yes/No