

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-1484 of 2021
Date of Decision: 29.01.2021

Angrej Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMOL RATTAN SINGH

Present: Mr. Naveen Bawa, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Saurav Khurana, DAG, Punjab.

AMOL RATTAN SINGH, J. (ORAL)

Case heard via video conferencing

By this petition, the petitioner seeks the concession of 'regular bail' under the provisions of Section 439 of the Cr.P.C., upon FIR no.77, dated 01.05.2016, having been registered at Police Station Sidhwan Bet, District Ludhiana, alleging therein the commission of the offences punishable under Sections 302 and 120-B of the IPC.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the merits of the matter apart, the petitioner has now been in custody for about 4½ years, with the trial still not having concluded and with there being no other criminal case registered against him, and with three other co-accused already having been admitted to bail by this court on similar grounds.

Though it is seen that one of the accused, i.e. Dalip Singh, was

admitted to bail on 03.04.2017 itself, that was on account of the fact that he was shown to be 80 years old; with one Angrej Singh (son of Jaswant Singh) and Roop Singh having been admitted to bail in July and August, 2020 respectively, on the ground that they had been in custody for about 4 years at that stage.

Though learned State counsel submits that the witnesses have now started to be examined before the trial court, however, keeping in view the fact that the petitioner has already been in custody for about 4½ years, with the trial still not concluded and that, even as per the instructions of learned State counsel, there is no other criminal case registered against him, without making any comment on the actual merits of the case, the petition is allowed, with the petitioner ordered to be admitted to bail to the satisfaction of the trial court/CJM/Duty Magistrate concerned.

January 29, 2021
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(AMOL RATTAN SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes
Whether Reportable	No