

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

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CRM-M-3498-2021

Date of Decision: 09.07.2021

SUKHWANT SINGH ALIAS SUKHA

... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present: Ms. Suman Bishnoi, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. B.S. Sewak, Addl. A.G. Punjab.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J.(Oral)

Case is taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

Through this petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C., the petitioner seeks regular bail in case FIR No.143 dated 20.07.2020 registered under Section 392 IPC; Sections 397 and 325 IPC (added later on) and Sections 25 and 27 of the Arms Act, 1959, at Police Station Dharamkot, District Moga.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has nothing to do with the present case; that neither the petitioner was arrested from the spot nor any recovery was effected from him; that the petitioner was indicted on the basis of the disclosure statement of co-accused, namely, Sonu Singh and Amarjit Singh @ Ambu, and that the petitioner has been in custody for the last 08 months.

On the other hand, while opposing the prayer for grant of regular bail to the petitioner, learned State counsel does not dispute the custody period of the petitioner. He, however, submits that a robbery was committed by some

muffled faced persons. He further submits that though the challan has been presented, yet the charges are yet to be framed.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

The petitioner has been in custody since 06.11.2020. Further keeping in view the prevailing situation of Covid-19 pandemic, the trial of the case would take time to conclude. Therefore, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind the bars.

In view of the above, without commenting anything on the merits, lest it should prejudice the case of either side, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

09.07.2021

Aman Jain

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

: *Yes/No*

Whether reportable

: *Yes/No*