

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

CRM-M-3315-2021

Date of Decision: 24.09.2021

Manjeet Singh @ Mota

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. Vikram Punia, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Ashok Singh Chaudhary, Addl. AG, Haryana.

Harnaresh Singh Gill, J.

Case is taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

Through this petition, the petitioner seeks regular bail in case bearing FIR No.69 dated 01.02.2020, registered at Police Station Dabua Faridabad, District Faridabad, under Sections 307, 395, 397, 467, 472, 420 and 411 IPC and Section 25 of the Arms Act, 1959.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been indicted on the basis of the disclosure statement made by co-accused Naresh and that neither any gun-shot was fired by the petitioner nor any injury was attributed to him. As regards the other cases, registered and/or pending against the petitioner, learned counsel submits that mere fact of multiple FIRs, is no ground to decline the concession of bail to the petitioner. In this regard, he relies upon the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Criminal Appeal No.159 of 2012 - Maulana Mohd. Amir Rashadi Vs. State of U.P. & Anr., decided on 16.01.2012.

On the other hand, learned State counsel points out that the petitioner was the driver of stolen Scorpio Vehicle, which was used by him for rescuing Sandeep alias Kala from the police custody. While referring to the status report, it is pointed out that apart from the

present FIR, five more criminal cases are pending against the petitioner, whereas in the seventh one, he stands acquitted. Thus, the criminal antecedents of the petitioner do not warrant grant of the concession of regular bail to the petitioner.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

There is no denying the fact that at present, six cases (including the present one) are pending against the petitioner. The petitioner is a habitual offender having criminal antecedents and in case released on bail, there are chances of his absconding the trial and getting himself involved in other cases. The judgment of the Hon'ble Apex Court in Maulana Mohd. Amir Rashadi' case (supra), too is of no help to the petitioner as in the said case, the accused had earned acquittal in most of the cases. Still further, it was held by the Hon'ble Apex Court that the Court can find out the role of the accused in the case in which he has been charged and other circumstances such as possibility of fleeing from the jurisdiction of the Court etc.

There are allegations against the petitioner that he was the driver of the stolen Scorpio vehicle, which was used by him for rescuing Sandeep alias Kala from the police custody.

Keeping in view the nature and gravity of the offence, this Court does not find any merit in the present petition.

Dismissed.

24.09.2021
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(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No