

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

Sr. No.209

CRM-M No.10842 of 2021

DATE OF DECISION: 26.08.2021

Harpreet Singh @ Happy

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

(Heard through Video-Conferencing)

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA

Present:- Mr. Sultan Singh Gill, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Samina Dhir, D.A.G., Punjab.

MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner herein seeks the relief of regular bail in the criminal case pertaining to the FIR bearing No.523 dated 09.12.2020 registered at Police Station Islamabad, District Police Commissionerate Amritsar, under Section 379-B IPC.

Bereft of unnecessary details, the allegations, as levelled in the subject FIR, are that while complainant-Sanjiv Kumar was going to his home and had reached near Surta Singh turn, three (3) persons came there on a motorcycle and the pillion rider, i.e the petitioner, snatched his (complainant's) mobile phone and was nabbed by him but the other two persons managed to flee away from the spot.

Reply filed on behalf of the respondent-State, by way of the affidavit of the Assistant Commissioner of Police, Licensing & Security, Amritsar City, is already available on the file and the same is taken on the record.

Custody-certificate of the petitioner, as forwarded by learned State counsel to this Court through *e-mail*, is also taken on the record.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner as well as learned State counsel in this petition and have also perused the file thoroughly.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is behind the bars since 09.12.2020 and the Challan has already been presented in the Court and moreover, he (petitioner) is not involved in any other case of the similar nature and in these circumstances, he deserves the relief as prayed for in this petition.

Learned State counsel does not dispute the afore-referred factual position but she argues that in view of the gravity of the offence committed in this case, the instant petition deserves dismissal.

Keeping in view the afore-discussed factual position as well as the fact that the trial of the case is likely to take sufficient time to conclude and without commenting or expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the petitioner named Harpreet Singh @ Happy is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing the requisite bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned.

This petition stands allowed accordingly.

August 26, 2021
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(MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:
Whether reportable:

Yes
No