

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

CRM-M No. 17955 of 2021

Date of Decision: 07.7.2021

Ajay Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. Rajesh Bhatheja, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. H.S.Sitta, AAG, Punjab.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

Case is taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

The petitioner seeks regular bail in FIR No. 234 dated 6.12.2020 under Sections 307, 379-B, 353, 186, 188, 148, 149, 34 IPC, Section 25 of the Arms Act, 1959 and Section 51 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, registered at Police Station Dharmkot, District Moga.

Custody certificate by way of affidavit of Deputy Superintendent(S), Central Prison, Faridkot has been filed through e-mail. Copy of the same is taken on record.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is not named in the FIR and has been nominated in the present FIR on 08.12.2020; that neither any role has been attributed to the petitioner nor he was present at the spot when the alleged occurrence took place; that the petitioner has been in custody for the last 6½ months; and that no other case

is pending against him.

On the other hand, learned State counsel submits that there are specific allegations against the petitioner and the other co-accused and that the challan has been presented in this case.

As per the custody certificate, the petitioner has been in custody for the last 06 months and 15 days. Challan has been presented in the present case. The trial will take time to conclude because of Covid-19 pandemic. No useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind the bars.

Without commenting anything on the merits of the case, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

July 07, 2021
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No