

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

CRM-M-17517-2021.
Date of Decision:-03.09.2021.

Baljit Singh @ Baba

.....Petitioner

Versus

The State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present: Mr. J.S. Jaidka, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. P.S. Walia, AAG, Punjab.

(Through Video Conferencing)

VIKAS BAHL, J. (Oral)

This is a petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in FIR No.119 dated 26.05.2017 under Sections 379-B, 382, 34 IPC and Section 25 of the Arms Act, 1959, registered at Police Station Division 7, District Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner has been in custody for the last 04 years, 02 months and 03 days and thus, deserves the concession of regular bail.

Learned State counsel has produced on record the custody certificate, a copy of which is taken on record. A perusal of the custody certificate would show that the petitioner had been convicted in 05 other

cases. It has further been pointed out that almost all the said convictions are involving offences under Sections 380/379-B/379/392 IPC along with other offences and it is thus apparent that the petitioner is a habitual offender and is indulging in the offence of theft/snatching repeatedly.

It is further submitted that out of 10 witnesses, 05 have already been examined, thus, there is every possibility of the trial ending soon and in case the petitioner is released on bail, there is every possibility of his committing the said offence again.

Keeping in view the above said facts and circumstances, moreso, the antecedents of the petitioner, the present petition for regular bail is dismissed at this stage.

Nothing stated above shall be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE

September 03, 2021.
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Whether speaking/reasoned:-

Yes / No

Whether Reportable:-

Yes / No.