

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

(Through Video Conferencing)

CRM-M-19243-2021 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 10.08.2021

BEANT SINGH

.....*Petitioner*

V/s.

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL.

Present: Mr. B.S. Aulakh, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Luvinder Sofat, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (Oral)

This is the second petition filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of concession of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.219 dated 13.10.2020 lodged under Sections 379-B, 511 and 34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 registered at Police Station City Kotakpura, District Faridkot, Punjab.

Learned counsel for the petitioner, *inter alia*, contends that false allegations have been levelled against the petitioner of snatching the purse of the complainant whereas in fact only an attempt had been made to snatch the purse of the complainant. He submits that the offences are triable by the Magistrate and the petitioner is already in custody since 22.10.2020. Hence, he be extended the concession of regular bail.

Per contra, learned State counsel while opposing the prayer and submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner, on instructions from ASI Bhupinderjit Singh, has apprised the Court that the charges stand framed and the prosecution evidence is likely to commence on the next date. He has

also apprised the Court, on instructions, that the petitioner is involved in two other cases of similar nature and one under the NDPS Act, however, he is on bail in all these cases.

Heard.

In view of the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner and the fact that the petitioner has been in custody since 22.10.2020, the trial is unlikely to conclude in the near future, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is admitted to bail to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate. However, it is made clear that anything observed hereinabove shall not be construed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

August 10, 2021

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**[MANJARI NEHRU KAUL]
JUDGE**

Whether speaking / reasoned : *Yes / No*

Whether Reportable : *Yes / No*