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

CRM-M-22965-2021

Date of Decision: 18.06.2021

Baljeet SinghPetitioner

Versus

State of Punjab..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

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(through video conferencing)

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

Mr. Luvinder Sofat, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. S.P.Singh, Advocate
for the complainant.

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MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (Oral)

This third petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. has been filed for the grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 41 dated 10.03.2020 under Sections 307/34 IPC, 25/27 of the Arms Act registered at Police Station Sultanwind, District Amritsar. Subsequently, offences under Section 326, 201 IPC, Section 29 of the Arms Act were added and offence under Section 25 of the Arms Act was deleted.

It has been submitted that the occurrence emanated out of a trivial dispute between the parties who are closely related being first cousins. Learned counsel submits that the petitioner has been in custody since 20.06.2020 and the challan was presented against him on 16.09.2020.

However, the trial has not proceeded any further on account of the outbreak

of the pandemic. Hence, there is no likelihood of the trial concluding in the near future. It has also been contended that subsequent to the registration of the FIR in question the parties have amicably resolved their differences.

Learned counsel for the complainant has not controverted the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the State, however, has opposed the prayer of the learned counsel for the petitioner for the grant of regular bail. He, on instructions from ASI Kishan Singh, has submitted that the petitioner fired from a .12 bore rifle and the pellets grazed passed the injured and the witnesses.

Heard.

In view of the submissions made by the learned counsel and keeping in view that the petitioner has been in custody since 20.06.2020, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind bars as the trial is unlikely to conclude in the near future, I deem it a fit case to grant the concession of regular bail. The petition is allowed and the petitioner is admitted to bail to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Magistrate. However, it is made clear that any observation made herein shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

Note: Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable:

Yes / No
Yes / No