

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-25381-2020

DATE OF DECISION: OCTOBER 27, 2021

SIMARJIT SINGH @ SIMRANJEET SINGH ...PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB ...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ.

PRESENT: NONE FOR THE PETITIONER.

MR. RAMANDEEP SANDHU, SR.DAG, PUNJAB.

MANOJ BAJAJ, J.(ORAL)

Petitioner has filed this second petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail pending trial in case FIR No.61 dated 6.5.2011, under Section 307, 324, 323, 148, 149 IPC, Police Station City South Moga, District Moga. The petitioner is in custody since his arrest on 25.6.2019.

It is the case of the petitioner that during the trial proceedings, he absented and the trial Court issued warrants of arrest against him and finally the trial Court declared him Proclaimed Offender vide order dated 20.12.2014. The petitioner did not join the trial proceedings till he was arrested on 25.6.2019 and in the meantime, his co-accused were convicted vide judgement dated 31.8.2015. According to learned counsel, the appeal filed by the convicts is pending adjudication, but in the meantime, the parties have entered into compromise, therefore, he has filed this petition for regular bail.

The prayer is opposed by learned State counsel who has

referred to the status report dated 9.10.2020, filed by way of affidavit of Barjinder Singh, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police (City), Moga, District Moga and submitted that the petitioner was aware of the trial proceedings and deliberately did not join the same for a long period of approximately 5 years. He submits that the offences are serious and carry a punishment upto life imprisonment, therefore, the compromise between the parties is of no significance.

Considering the above background as well as the conduct of the petitioner, at this stage, this Court does not find it to be a fit case for releasing the petitioner on regular bail.

Petition is dismissed.

October 27, 2021
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(MANOJ BAJAJ)
JUDGE

Whether Reportable : Yes/No

Whether Speaking/Reasoned : Yes/No