

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

**CRM-M-35366-2021 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 06.10.2021
(Heard through VC)**

Gurpal Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Jasraj Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramdeep Partap Singh, DAG, Punjab.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (Oral)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C., for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.98 dated 02.06.2021 under Sections 354-B, 323, 324, 506 and 34 IPC (Section 325 IPC added later on), registered at Police Station Mukerian, District Hoshiarpur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the FIR. It is argued that petitioner is in custody since 03.06.2021. It is further submitted that the matter has been investigated, challan stands presented and charges are framed. Trial is likely to take some time to conclude, therefore, the custodial interrogation of the petitioner would no longer be required.

Learned counsel for the respondent-State would oppose grant of bail to the petitioner by contending that the allegations levelled against the petitioner are serious in nature but is not in a position to dispute the fact that the investigation stands completed, challan has been presented and charges are framed.

I have heard counsel for the parties and have perused the case file.

The matter has been investigated and challan stands presented. Petitioner is in custody since 03.06.2021 and the trial is likely to take time to conclude. No useful purpose would be served in keeping the petitioner behind bars any longer. Without commenting on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail on his execution of personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of concerned trial court/Duty Magistrate.

Anything observed hereinbefore shall not be construed as an observation on merits of the case and is limited only for the purpose of decision of the instant bail petition.

06.10.2021*Riya***(JAISHREE THAKUR)****JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned :

Yes

No

Whether Reportable :

Yes

No