

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

Criminal Misc.-M No.37592 of 2020
Date of Decision: March 23, 2021

Ranbir @ Bhanupratap Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

U.T.Chandigarh

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ

Present: Mr. Shiv Kumar Sharma, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ashu Mohan Punchhi, Advocate,
for U.T.Chandigarh.

MANOJ BAJAJ, J. (Oral)

Petitioner has filed this petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail, pending trial in case FIR No.52 dated 01.02.2008, under Sections 356, 379 IPC, 1860 and Section 411 IPC (added later on), registered at Police Station, Sector 34, Chandigarh. The petitioner is in custody since his arrest on 10.07.2020.

The above FIR was registered on the complaint of Deepika, wherein it was stated that on 01.02.2008 when she was going to her home from Sector 34, Chandigarh in a rickshaw, two boys came in a scooter and tried to snatch her chain, which she saved, but they succeeded in pulling her handbag containing Rs.3000, ATM card and a pair of ear rings.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is in custody for the last ten months and as the investigation of the case is complete, therefore, he be released on regular bail.

On the other hand, Mr.A.M.Punchhi, learned counsel appearing on behalf of U.T.Chandigarh has opposed the prayer on the ground that the FIR is of 01.02.2008 and the petitioner remained in custody till 12.06.2008 and thereafter remained away from trial for a long period till he was again taken in custody on 10.07.2020. According to him, the petitioner is involved in large number of cases of similar nature and, therefore, he does not deserve the concession of regular bail.

After hearing the learned counsel for the parties and considering the custody certificate filed by way of affidavit of Amandeep Singh, C.P.S.Deputy Superintendent Grade-I, Model Jail, Chandigarh, this court finds that the petitioner himself is responsible for delay in trial. Apart from this, he is an accused in various other cases, which are also pending.

Resultantly, no case is made out for admitting the petitioner on regular bail.

Dismissed.

March 23, 2021
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(MANOJ BAJAJ)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable:

Yes/No
Yes/No