

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

**CRM-M-48364 of 2021(O&M)
Date of Decision: 18.04.2022**

Gurpreet Singh @ Gauri

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KARAMJIT SINGH

**Present:- Mr. C.S. Rana, Advocate
For the petitioner.**

Ms. Samina Dhir, DAG AAG Punjab

KARAMJIT SINGH, J.

Status report by way of affidavit of Deputy Superintendent of Police, Shahkot, District Jalandhar (Rural) filed today in Court has been taken on record.

The present petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. by the petitioner seeking regular bail in FIR No. 81 dated 08.05.2021, registered under Sections 379-B, 392, 395, 188 and 411 IPC, Sections 25, 27, 54 and 59 of Arms Act and Section 51-B of Disaster Management Act at Police Station Shahkot, District Jalandhar.

Counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner was not named in the FIR and even no recovery was effected from him and he is in custody for the last more than 10 months. Counsel for the petitioner made prayer that petitioner be released on regular bail.

The present petition is opposed by State counsel who submitted that present case is relating to snatching of motor cycle and other belongings of complainant and during investigation the said motor cycle was recovered from co-accused.

Admittedly, FIR in this case was registered against unknown persons who snatched motor cycle, mobile phone and other belongings of complainant Paramjit Singh on 04.05.2021. The petitioner was arrested by the police and as per custody certificate, he is in custody for the last more than 10 months. As per State counsel no recovery was effected from the petitioner. After completion of investigation, the police has presented challan in the Court. It will take time for conclusion of trial which is yet to commence. No doubt, the petitioner is also involved in one another criminal case of the same nature and is in custody even in the said case, as has been detailed in the custody certificate dated 16.04.2022.

In view of the above, I am of the view that no purpose would be served even if the petitioner is kept in custody for any longer period. Thus, without adverting to the merits of the case, the present petition is hereby allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail subject to his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/CJM/Duty Magistrate concerned.

18.04.2022

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**(KARAMJIT SINGH)
JUDGE****Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No****Whether reportable : Yes/No**