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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT  
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No.44266 of 2020 (O&M)  
Decided on: 11.01.2021

Charanjit Singh @ Pannu

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN**

**Present:-** Mr. B.S. Jaswal, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab.

**ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (Oral)**

Prayer in this petition is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (in short 'Cr.P.C.') in FIR No.243 dated 08.12.2018, for offence punishable under Sections 302/34/120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (in short 'IPC'), 25 and 27 of the Arms Act, registered at Police Station Kartarpur, District Jalandhar.

Counsel for the petitioner has argued that the petitioner was not named in the FIR, however, he was later on, summoned to face the trial on an application moved under Section 319 Cr.P.C. vide order dated 25.11.2019. It is further submitted that when the complainant Surinder Kumar appeared as PW-1, he stated that the accused Jatinder Singh @ Bholu had no role in the murder of his son whereas he has named Charanjit Singh @ Pannu, Sher Singh, Jatin Kumar and some other unidentified person as an accused.

Counsel for the petitioner has further submitted that the petitioner is in custody since 04.03.2020 and is ready to face the proceedings in accordance with law. It is also submitted that 02 of the co-accused of the

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petitioner, who were also summoned as an additional accused i.e. Jatin Kumar and Sher Singh have already been granted the concession of anticipatory bail as they were also summoned under Section 319 Cr.P.C.

Counsel for the State has not disputed the factual position but opposed the prayer for bail. It is also not disputed that the petitioner was summoned as an additional accused under Section 319 Cr.P.C., after recording the statement of PW-1 in which he has exonerated one Jatinder Singh @ Bholu and nominated the petitioner along with other persons as an accused. It is also submitted that challan stands presented before the trial Court.

Without commenting anything on merits of the case, considering the fact that 02 of the co-accused of the petitioner have already been granted the concession of anticipatory bail; the petitioner is in custody since 04.03.2020; challan stands presented; the custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required and the conclusion of the trial will take some time due to COVID-19 situation, this petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on bail subject to his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Illaq Magistrate/Duty Magistrate.

However, it will be open for the prosecution to apply for cancellation of bail of the petitioner, in case he is found involved in any other case or misusing the concession of bail, in any manner.

**(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)**  
**JUDGE**

**11.01.2021**

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Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable:

Yes/No