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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No.102 of 2021 (O&M)

Decided on: 11.01.2021

Mander Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present : Mr. N.S. Chahal, 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.159 dated 14.11.2018, for offence punishable under Sections 379-B, 411 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (in short 'IPC') registered at Police Station Jaitu, District Faridkot.

Counsel for the petitioner has argued that as per the allegations in the FIR, registered at the instance of Rupinder Singh, he is an employee of Satin Credit Care Network Limited Company at Delhi and he had collected the loan installments of Rs.98,680/-, which he was carrying in a bag. On the way, his friend Jagwinder Singh was going ahead of him and when they reached near a petrol pump, somebody pushed his motorcycle from the back side and one person snatched his bag. Counsel for the petitioner has further submitted that there were 07 persons, who were named in the present FIR and the other accused namely Gurbhej Singh @ Bheja, Jaswant Singh Rinka,

CASE HEARD THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING

Deepak Kumar, Heera Singh, Navdeep Singh @ Navjot Akkru, Gagandeep Vika and Mander Singh have already been granted the concession of regular bail whereas 02 other accused namely Gagandeep and Navdeep Singh @ Navjot Akkru were declared innocent. It is further submitted that the petitioner is in custody since 23.01.2020; challan stands presented and till date, there is no development in the trial Court proceedings.

Counsel for the State has not disputed the factual position but opposed the prayer for bail. It is further submitted that the petitioner was identified by the complainant.

Without commenting anything on merits of the case, considering the fact that the challan stands presented; the petitioner is in custody since 23.01.2020 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