

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATES OF PUNJAB AND
HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No.51352 of 2021

Date of Decision:14.12.2021

Gautam

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Naveen Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Rashmi Attri, AAG, Punjab.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (ORAL)

This is a petition that has been filed for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in FIR No.232 dated 24.09.2021 registered under Sections 379-B, 411, 420, 473 of the IPC at Police Station Division No.3, District Police Commissionerate, Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the said FIR. It is argued that the present FIR was got registered against the petitioner, on the basis of secret information that petitioner and his gang members were snatching mobiles and money from general public. Thereafter, ruqa was sent for registration of the FIR and petitioner and other co-accused persons were apprehended. It is submitted that petitioner is in custody since 24.09.2021 and no recovery has to be effected from him. It is further submitted that matter has been investigated and challan stands presented and trial is likely to take some

time to conclude, therefore, prays for grant of regular bail to the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the respondent-State would oppose grant of regular bail to the petitioner while pointing to the seriousness of allegations levelled against him, however, she does not dispute the fact that the matter has been investigated and challan stands presented.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties. Keeping in view the fact that matter has been investigated and challan stands presented and the fact that the trial is likely to take some time to conclude, no useful purpose would be served in keeping the petitioner behind bars. The instant petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail on execution of adequate personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of concerned trial court/Duty Magistrate. However, any observation made herein shall not be construed to be an expression of opinion on merits of the case.

December 14, 2021
P.Bhatt

(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No