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CRM-M-4300-2022

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250 (2 Cases)

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

Date of Decision: 28.02.2022

(I) CRM-M-2428-2022

Harpreetam @ Harpritam Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

(II) CRM-M-4300-2022

Gulzar Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Gurmeet Singh Saini, Advocate,
for the petitioner (CRM-M-2428-2022).

Mr. Kamal Narula, Advocate,
for the petitioner (in CRM-M-4300-2022).

Mr. Kirat Singh Sidhu, DAG, Punjab.
(Through Video Conference)

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI J. (ORAL)

This order will dispose of both the connected petitions, as mentioned above, since both of them are arising out of the same FIR, being FIR No.96, dated 06.12.2021, under Sections 457 and 380 of the IPC (Section 411 of the IPC added later on), registered at Police Station City Zira, District Ferozepur.

Learned counsel for the petitioners argue that the allegations alleged against the petitioners in the present FIR are false and further as the investigation in the case is over and challan has already been presented, the petitioners may kindly be extended the concession of regular bail.

Learned State counsel submits that *prima facie*, the allegations alleged against the petitioners in the present FIR are correct, keeping in view the recoveries effected from them, though the State counsel concedes that challan in the present case has already been presented.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have gone through the record with their able assistance.

Keeping in view the fact that challan in the case has already been presented and the trial is likely to take some time before it concludes in view of the restrictive working of the Courts due to Covid-19 pandemic, no useful purpose will be achieved in keeping the petitioners behind bars during the entire period of trial, especially in view of the fact that learned counsel for the petitioners have undertaken before this Court that the petitioners will maintain good conduct and will not influence the trial or any witnesses in any manner, in case they are extended the concession of regular bail.

In view of the above and without commenting upon the merits of the case, it is directed that the petitioners be released on regular bail, subject to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

However, it is made clear that anything observed herein shall not be construed to be an expression of any opinion on the merits of the case.

Photocopy of this order be placed on the file of connected case.

28.02.2022

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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)

JUDGE

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| 1. Whether speaking/reasoned : | Yes |
| 2. Whether reportable : | No |