

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

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CRM-M-2476-2022

Date of Decision : **August 22, 2022**

RAJINDER SINGH @ MONU

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present : Ms. Jasneet Mehra, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Rana, Sr. Deputy A.G., Punjab.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI. J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.220 dated 11.10.2017 under Sections 302, 34 IPC, registered at Police Station Gate Hakima, District Amritsar.

It has been submitted by the learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner is in custody from 18.10.2017 which is almost 4 years and 10 months. She further submitted that it is a case where the role attributable to the petitioner as per the FIR was giving of sota blow on the deceased. She submitted that out of 27 cited witnesses, 20 have already been examined and no recovery is to be effected from the petitioner. She submitted that the two other similarly situated co-accused, namely, Balwinder Singh @ Lati and Jasbir Singh have already been granted bail by this Court vide orders dated 14.10.2019 and 1.11.2021 respectively and, therefore, considering the long custody of the petitioner, he may be considered for the grant of regular bail.

On the other hand, the learned State counsel has submitted that it is correct that the petitioner is in custody from 18.10.2017 and out of 27 cited witnesses, 20 have already been examined and the other co-accused have already been granted bail by this Court.

Considering the aforesaid factual position especially the fact that the petitioner is in custody almost 4 years and 10 months, this Court is of the view that the petitioner deserves the concession of regular bail.

Consequently, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on furnishing of bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of concerned Chief Judicial Magistrate/trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

However, anything observed here-in-above shall have no effect on the merits of the case and is meant for deciding the present petition only.

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(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned.	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable.	:	Yes/No