

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

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(Through Video Conferencing)

CRM-M-2954-2022

Date of decision: 10.02.2022

Manpreet Singh @ Mani

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. Guninder Singh Brar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Luvinder Sofat, AAG, Punjab
for the respondent-State.

Mr. Himmat Singh Deol, Advocate
for the complainant.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

This is the second petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.87 dated 06.06.2020 lodged under Section 306 IPC registered at Police Station Boha, District Mansa.

At the outset a query was put to the learned counsel for the petitioner as to what was the material change in circumstances subsequent to the dismissal of his first petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. on 17.08.2021 by this Court. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that during the interregnum, the co-accused, who was arrayed as an accused on the basis of a supplementary challan presented by the investigating officer, had approached this Court for quashing of the instant FIR against him. Learned counsel further submits that after the dismissal of the petition on 17.08.2021 prosecution evidence has not

yet commenced.

Learned State counsel assisted by learned counsel for the complainant on instructions has, however, strongly disputed the submissions made by counsel opposite by submitting that the prosecution witnesses have been partly examined and the trial has been proceeding at a reasonable pace despite the restricted functioning of the courts on account of the pandemic.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the material placed on record.

In the circumstances as enumerated hereinabove, no ground is made out to extend the concession of bail to the petitioner as the learned counsel has failed to bring to the notice of this Court any material change in circumstances after the dismissal of the previous petition filed by the petitioner on 17.08.2021.

Dismissed.

10.02.2022

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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No