

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

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CRM-M-5703-2022

Date of Decision: 15.02.2022

Gopal

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

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Present: - Mr. B.S. Kathuria, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. V.G. Jauhar, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

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HARINDER SINGH SIDHU, J.

Present petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. seeking regular bail in case FIR No. 96 dated 13.06.2021, under Sections 379-B, 34 and 411 IPC, registered at Police Station Division No. 1, District Ludhiana.

FIR was registered on the complaint of one Jhuggi Lal, who stated that on 12.06.2021 when he had gone to Gur Mandi to purchase some articles, two person came from behind, one of them pushed him and the other snatched his mobile phone. He also stated that they were addressing each other as Gaurav and Gopal. The petitioner was arrested on 14.06.2021. He was duly identified by the complainant. The mobile phone of the complainant and some other mobiles were recovered from the petitioner. The investigation in the case is complete and report under Section 173 Cr.P.C. has been filed. The petitioner is in custody for over eight months and eight days.

Learned State counsel has pointed out that apart from the present case the petitioner involved in three other cases, two of them are

pending trial and one of them he was convicted and sentenced to simple imprisonment for two months.

Be that as it may, as the investigation in this case is complete and the petitioner has been in custody for over eight months and the fact that the trial is unlikely to conclude in near future more so in the wake of outbreak of pandemic COVID, no useful purpose will be served by keeping the petitioner in custody till the final disposal of the case.

Therefore, in view of the abovesaid circumstances, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this petition is allowed. Petitioner-Gopal be admitted to bail on his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court concerned.

February 15 , 2022

(HARINDER SINGH SIDHU)

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JUDGE

Whether Speaking / Reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes / No