

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

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CRM-M-8653-2022

Date of decision :07.03.2022

Mandeep Singh

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

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

Mr. Sukhbeer Singh, AAG, Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

The case has been taken up through Video Conferencing via Webex facility in the light of Pandemic Covid-19 situation and as per instructions.

Instant petition has been filed seeking concession of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.169 dated 01.10.2021 for the offence under Sections 379-B, 411 of IPC 1860 registered at Police Station Mahilpur, Hoshiarpur, District Hoshiarpur.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner *inter alia* contends that the petitioner is in custody since 01.10.2021. The charges in the case have yet not been framed. The conclusion of the trial is likely to take some time and his continued incarceration in custody, would not further the ends of justice. It is further submitted that the petitioner is a young boy of 24 years and has been falsely implicated in the above case. It is further argued that the co-accused of the petitioner namely Sunny Banga had been granted concession of regular bail vide order dated 03.02.2022 passed in

Mr. Sukhbeer Singh, AAG, Punjab, does not dispute the aforesaid averments and it is acknowledged that charges in the case have not yet been framed against the petitioner.

Without commenting on the merits of the case and keeping in view the period of custody undergone and the fact that investigation in the case is complete, I deem it fit and appropriate to enlarge the petitioner on bail.

Accordingly, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is admitted on regular bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

It is made clear that the petitioner shall not extend any threat and shall not influence any prosecution witnesses in any manner directly or indirectly.

The observation made hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression on the merits of the case and the trial Court shall decide the case on the basis of available material.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

07.03.2022
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<i>Whether speaking/reasoned :</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>