

**PUNJAB AND HARYANA HIGH COURT AT
CHANDIGARH**

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CRM-M-9979-2022

Date of Decision: 19.04.2022

MANPREET SINGH

... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent

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

Present: Mr. Yashpal Thakur, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Karanbir Singh, AAG, Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.08 dated 03.02.2021 under Sections 302, 148, 149 and 201 of IPC, registered at Police Station: Bassi Pathana, Fatehgarh Sahib.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner *inter alia* contends that the petitioner was 17 years old as on the date of incident, however, his case was ordered to be tried as that of an adult by the Juvenile Justice Board. He further submits that as per the allegations levelled in the FIR registered at the instance of Soma Singh, deceased Satpal was caused injuries on the head with an iron rod by Swaran Singh- father of the petitioner. Gaganpreet Kaur, co-accused was attributed hockey blows on the legs and arms of Satpal Singh. Co-accused Gurinder Kaur is attributed injuries with stick to deceased Sukhpal Singh on his back and other parts of the body while Amritpal Singh is attributed injuries to Saptal Singh on his legs and other parts of the body. He submits that the petitioner is alleged to have given fist and kick blows to deceased Satpal. He further submits that the petitioner is in custody since 06.02.2021 and that the trial has not yet commenced. He also places reliance upon the order dated 11.03.2022 passed in **CRM-M-54443 of 2021 titled Gagandeep Kaur Vs. State of**

Punjab and CRM-M-54572 of 2021 titled Amritpal Singh Vs. State of Punjab, whereby bail has been granted to the said co-accused.

Learned State counsel could not dispute the said factual aspect about the extension of concession of regular bail to the other similarly placed co-accused as also the stage of the trial.

In view of the above and taking into consideration the principles of parity and period of custody already undergone by the petitioner as also the stage of trial, I deem it appropriate to allow the instant petition.

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 Trial Court/Duty Judge, concerned.

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

19.04.2022
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No