

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

**CRM-M-13292 of 2022(O&M)
Date of Decision:- 16.05.2022**

Manjeet Kumar

....Petitioner

Vs.

State of Haryana

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KARAMJIT SINGH

Present:- Mr. Aditya Sanghi, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Naveen K. Sheoran, DAG, Haryana.

KARAMJIT SINGH, J.(Oral)

Prayer is for grant for regular bail to the petitioner in case having FIR No.483 dated 10.08.2020 registered under Sections 307, 452, 379-B, 34, 195, 211, 201, 302, 120-B, 449, 450, 460 IPC and Section 25 of Arms Act 54 of 1959, Police Station Model Town, District Rewari, Haryana.

The present case is relating to murder of Sunil son of Babu Lal.

The counsel for the petitioner contended that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. No shot was fired by the petitioner and he was not available inside the premises, where Sunil was shot at. He further contended that during the trial the material witness namely Rekha wife of Jaswant (sister of deceased), Jaswant (husband of Rekha), Sanjay (brother of Jaswant), Rajesh and Nand Ram had not supported the case of prosecution. He further contended that it will take time for conclusion of the trial and as such, the petitioner is entitled to grant of regular bail.

The State counsel while opposing the present petition submitted that there are serious allegations appearing against the petitioner regarding his involvement in the murder of Sunil. The State counsel on instructions from Inspector Rattan Lal, submitted that the petitioner accompanied co-accused Krishan who fired fatal shot which resulted in death of Sunil. He further submits that trial is going on and no ground is made out to release the petitioner at this stage.

Admittedly, the petitioner is in custody since 15.08.2020 and is not involved in any other criminal case. As has already been observed main witnesses namely Rekha, Jaswant, Sanjay, Rajesh and Nand Ram are declared hostile during the trial. Out of total 29 PWs, the prosecution has examined 13 witnesses and it will take time to conclude the trial.

In view of the above, this Court is of the view that no purpose is going to be served by keeping the petitioner behind the

bars for any longer period, so without commenting to the merits of the case the present petition is hereby accepted and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail subject to his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the CJM/Duty Magistrate concerned.

16.05.2022
P. Chawla

(KARAMJIT SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned / speaking? Yes / No

Whether reportable? Yes / No