

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

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CRM-M-17338-2022 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 04.05.2022

Harmandeep Singh @ Manna

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. G.S.Bawa, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Luvinder Sofat, AAG, Punjab.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner has approached this Court seeking grant of regular bail in respect of a case registered against him vide FIR No.83 dated 25.06.2021, Police Station Khilcian, District Amritsar City under Sections 379-B(2), 323, 341, 201, 34 IPC.
2. The FIR was lodged at the instance of Gursharan Singh, wherein the allegations are broadly to the effect that on 25.6.2021, three persons armed with 'datars' had forcibly snatched the keys of his motorcycle and had taken away an amount of Rs.250/- and his mobile phone.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner has falsely been implicated in the present case. It has further been submitted that since identically situated co-accused namely Jarman Singh and Amarpal Singh @ Lamba have already been granted bail by this Court vide orders dated 09.12.2021 passed in CRM-M-

36680 of 2021 and 31.03.2022 passed in CRM-M-1172-2022, the petitioner also deserves the same relief on grounds of parity.

4. On the other hand, learned State counsel has submitted that since it is a case where the petitioner was apprehended at the spot alongwith co-accused, his complicity is clearly evident. It has, however, been informed that the petitioner as on date has been behind bars since the last about 10 months and that no PW out of cited 13 PWs has been examined so far. It has also been informed that the petitioner is not involved in any other case.
5. I have considered rival submissions addressed before this Court.
6. Without commenting anything as regards merits of the case, but while noticing that the petitioner has been behind bars for a substantial period of about 10 months and two other identically situated co-accused have already been granted bail and that the trial has not even commenced till date, further detention of the petitioner will not serve any useful purpose as conclusion of trial is likely to consume time. The petition, as such, is accepted and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned Trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned.

04.05.2022

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(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

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