

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

CRM-M No.18188 of 2022
Date of decision: 9th May, 2022

Beant Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE FATEH DEEP SINGH

Present: Mr. Suneet Pal S. Aulakh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Simran Grewal, Asst. Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondent/State.

FATEH DEEP SINGH, J.

In this third regular bail application under Section 439 Cr.P.C. of accused petitioner Beant Singh filed in case bearing FIR No.244 dated 16.11.2019 under Sections 302, 307, 34, 120-B IPC and Section 25/27/54/59 of the Arms Act pertaining to Police Station Sadar Khanna, District Ludhiana, the primary grounds are that the petitioner is in custody since 19.11.2019 and that only two witnesses out of total 18 witnesses have been examined.

The same is strongly opposed by the learned State counsel Ms. Simran Grewal, Asst. Advocate General, Punjab on the grounds of being a heinous offence of murder and it is due to the interference, the matter could not progress and has sought to highlight the role of the petitioner in commission of the offence.

The petitioner as per the averments of the learned State counsel is a pivot on which the entire crime has revolved being the very conspirator and executant of the same, from whose conscious possession a fire-arm, the weapon of offence, has been recovered, leaves no scope to doubt the role of the accused petitioner in commission of the offence. There are serious allegations of Harjinder Kaur being in amorous relationship with her co-accused earlier instrumental in murder of her husband, are matters which have far reaching consequences on the very motive of this crime. More so, if allowed bail the petitioner might influence the witnesses who are inter-se related.

Finding no merit the petition stands dismissed. However, keeping in view that the trial is being protracted, the trial Court is directed to ensure speedy disposal of the case by ensuring short adjournments and the presence of the witnesses and their examination at the trial.

(FATEH DEEP SINGH)
JUDGE

May 9, 2022

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Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No