

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

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**CRM-M-21566-2022
Decided on : 25.05.2022**

Rupinder Singh @ Monu

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

PRESENT: Mr. G.S. Jagpal, Advocate,
for the petitioner(s).

Mr. M.S. Nagra, AAG, Punjab.
assisted by ASI Hardev Singh.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (Oral)

This is the second petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 121, dated 19.09.2020, under Section 306 of IPC, registered at Police Station Dehlon, District Ludhiana.

On a pointed query put to the learned counsel as to what was the material change in circumstances, which would warrant entertaining the instant petition, subsequent to the dismissal of the previous petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. On 26.08.2021, he submits that the petitioner has now been in custody for 1 year 10 months having been arrested on 09th September, 2020. However, learned counsel has not been able to satisfy this Court about any material change in circumstances, except for the long incarceration of the petitioner, which cannot be considered to be a material change in circumstances.

On the other hand, learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Hardev Singh, has apprised the Court that 4 out of the 13

prosecution witnesses cited, stand examined and the next date fixed before the trial Court is 04th June, 2022, when some more witnesses are likely to be examined. He, thus, submits that the trial shall not take much time to conclude.

Heard.

This Court is not inclined to extend the concession of bail to the petitioner, as no satisfactory change in material circumstances has been brought to the notice of this Court.

Petition stands dismissed.

At this stage, a request has been made by learned counsel for the petitioner, that directions be issued to the trial Court concerned to expedite the trial.

Keeping in view the prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioner coupled with the fact that the petitioner has been in custody since 09th September, 2020, the trial Court concerned is directed to expedite the trial and make all endeavours to conclude the same expeditiously, preferably within a period of four months from the date of this order.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

May 25, 2022

J.Ram

Whether speaking/reasoned: *Yes/No*

Whether Reportable: *Yes/No*