

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

CRM-M-23151-2022 (O&M)

Date of decision: 08.08.2022

Karandeep Singh @ Karan @ Bawa

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Veneet Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Harbir Sandhu, AAG Punjab.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner has filed this petition under Section 439 of Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail in case FIR No. 262 dated 31.10.2021, registered under Sections 307, 148, 149 IPC and Sections 25, 27 of the Arms Act, 1959, at Police Station Ranjit Avenue, Amritsar City, District Amritsar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has falsely been implicated in the present case; that though the petitioner was named in the FIR, yet no injury or overt act has been attributed to him; that the only allegation against the petitioner is that he was standing near the place of occurrence; that the petitioner has been in custody since 14.02.2022 and that as far as other cases against the petitioner are concerned, in 02 cases he stands acquitted/discharged and in other cases he is on bail.

Learned State counsel, while vehemently opposing the prayer for bail, submits that the petitioner has specifically been named in the FIR and he along other co-accused have actively participated in the occurrence. He is a habitual offender. However, he does not dispute the custody period of the petitioner. He submits that the prosecution witnesses are yet to be examined.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

The petitioner has been in custody since 14.02.2022. The petitioner was named in the FIR but no specific injury or overt act has been attributed to him. In other cases registered against him, the petitioner either has been acquitted or on bail. The prosecution witnesses are yet to be examined. Therefore, the conclusion of the trial would take time. Hence, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind the bars.

In view of the above, without commenting anything on the merits, lest it should prejudice the case of either side, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

08.08.2022
Mangal Singh

Whether reasoned/speaking?	Yes/No
Whether reportable?	Yes/No