

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

**CRM-M-32716 of 2021(O&M)
Date of Decision: 07.07.2022**

Baljit Singh @ Chhanga

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KARAMJIT SINGH

**Present:- Mr. Nikhil Batta, Advocate
For the petitioner.**

**Ms. Samina Dhir, DAG Punjab.

KARAMJIT SINGH, J.

The petitioner has approached this Court seeking grant of regular bail in a case having FIR No.84 dated 27.6.2021 registered under Sections 392, 395, 427, 506, 148, 149 IPC at Police Station Sadar, Rajpura District Patiala.

The FIR in this case was registered on the basis of the statement of Shiv Kumar, as per which, he went to collect cash from the wine shop vendors in the area of Jansua in Bolero which was driven by Bhag Singh. He collected Rs.8,500/- from village Kotla and put the same in black bag and then left for village Jansua. At about 4 pm, his car was intercepted by 6/7 young boys armed with swords etc. The miscreants attacked the car of the complainant and damaged its wind shield and bonnet. The complainant and Bhag Singh raised alarm. In the

meantime the police vehicle came there and the snatched bag was recovered from co-accused Manpreet Singh @ Moni while 4 other persons escaped on motorcycles. The petitioner was also apprehended at the spot.

The counsel for the petitioner contended that no incriminating article was recovered from the possession of the petitioner. The bag containing cash was recovered from possession of co-accused. The counsel further contended that the complainant and Bhag Singh driver have been examined in the trial Court. So there is no apprehension that if released on bail, the accused would pressurize or threaten the main prosecution witnesses. Learned counsel further contends that co-accused Deep Singh @ Mann, who was also apprehended at the spot has already been released on bail by this Court vide order dated 09.05.2022 passed in CRM-M-3142 of 2022 and petitioner is similarly situated.

The bail application is opposed by State counsel, who submitted that the petitioner was apprehended at the spot on 27.6.2021 and is also involved in another criminal cases. She, however, admits that similarly situated co-accused has already been granted the benefit of bail.

Admittedly after completion of investigation, challan was presented and charges were framed against the petitioner and other accused persons. The complainant has been examined and other material witness Bhag Singh has also been examined-in-chief. It will take time for conclusion of the trial. So no purpose is going to be served by keeping the petitioner behind the bars. On the ground of parity also, the petitioner is entitled to be released on bail. Thus without commenting on the merits

of the case, the petition is allowed 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.

07.07.2022

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**(KARAMJIT SINGH)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No