

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

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CRM-M-30470-2022

Date of Decision : **October 17, 2022**

DOMINIC SAHOTA

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PANKAJ JAIN

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

Mr. Arun Gupta, AAG, Punjab.

PANKAJ JAIN. J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.7 dated 16.1.2021 under Sections 364-A, 34 IPC and Sections 465, 468, 471, 120-B IPC and sections 35/54/59 Arms Act added later, registered at Police Station Phase, District SAS Nagar, Mohali.

Counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is in custody from 26.1.2021, the investigation is complete, the Challan already stands presented. Thus, there cannot be any apprehension with respect to the petitioner influencing the investigation. He further relies upon the order passed by a co-ordinate Bench of this Court in CRM-M-12394-2021 whereby co-accused, namely, Yodhvir Singh @ Yodha, Govinder Singh, Rajbir Singh and Amandeep Singh Deol have been granted the concession of regular bail.

The learned State counsel, however, submits that there are serious allegations against the petitioner of having misrepresented himself to the an STF Officer and demanded bribe of Rs.5 lacs. He further submits that the weapon i.e. revolver was also recovered from the petitioner.

Faced with the above situation, the learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the said revolver is a licenced revolver of co-accused Govinder Singh, who was granted indulgence and was released on bail by this Court vide order dated 5.5.2022 (Supra).

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have gone through the records of the case.

Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case and keeping in view the fact that the co-accused already stand released on bail vide order dated 5.5.2022 and keeping in view the incarceration already suffered by the petitioner and as per the learned State counsel though the challan stands presented but the charges are yet to be framed, thus, the trial is expected to take long to mature for conclusion, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on furnishing of bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Ld. Trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

Needless to say nothing recorded herein shall be construed to be an expression of an opinion on the merits of the case.

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JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned.

: Yes/No

Whether Reportable.

: Yes/No