

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

CRM-M-34541-2022

Date of decision :10.08.2022

Salil Narayana

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present: Mr. Chirag Wadhwa, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Randhir Singh Thind, DAG, Punjab.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, 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 FIR No.74 dated 08.05.2010, under Sections 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station Malout City, District Shri Muktsar Sahib.

The learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner is in custody from 05.05.2022 and the trial of the case may take long time and therefore, the petitioner may be considered for the grant of regular bail. He further submitted that earlier he was declared as a P.O but he himself surrendered before the Court.

On the other hand, Mr. Randhir Singh Thind, learned Deputy Advocate General, Punjab on instructions from ASI Jagir Singh has stated that it is a case where the petitioner was declared as P.O on 01.05.2017 and thereafter, he was arrested in some other case on

05.05.2022 and in this way he remained proclaimed offender for about 5 years. He further submitted that there is a likelihood that in case the petitioner is granted bail, he may again abscond and flee from justice. He further submitted that the petitioner is involved in as many as 7 more cases, out of which 3 cases pertain to Section 420 IPC, 1 case pertains to Section 380 IPC, 2 cases pertain to Section 174-A IPC and 1 case pertains to Sections 135 and 151 of Indian Electricity Supply Act, 2003.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

As per the learned counsel for the parties, the total custody of the petitioner is only 3 months and he was declared as a proclaimed offender on 01.05.2017 and thereafter he was arrested on 05.05.2022. Since he was arrested in some other case and he is involved in as many as 7 more cases as per the learned State counsel, the apprehension expressed by the learned State counsel that in case the petitioner is released on bail, then considering his past conduct and antecedents, he may again abscond cannot be ignored and carries weight.

Therefore, this Court of the view that the petitioner does not deserve the concession of regular bail.

Consequently, the present petition is hereby dismissed.

However, anything observed hereinabove shall not be treated as an expression of opinion on merits of the case and is meant for the purpose of deciding the present petition only.

10.08.2022

(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)

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JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No