

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

Sr. No.205

CRM-M-39405-2022

Date of Decision: 29.09.2022

Lovepreet Singh @ Lovejot Singh

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Vikasdeep Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Teevar Sharma, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Vikas Gupta, Advocate
for the complainant-respondents No.2 and 3.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J. (ORAL)

In the present petition, the petitioner is seeking grant of regular bail in case FIR No.328 dated 28.12.2021, registered under Sections 379-B (2) and 34 IPC (Section 411 of IPC added later on) at Police Station Jandiala, District Amritsar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that the petitioner is behind bars for the last more than 8 months and none of the total 14 cited witnesses has been examined so far, which shows that the trial is likely to take some time to conclude, hence, the petitioner be extended the concession of regular bail.

Learned State counsel submits that though the challan has already been presented and charges have been framed but some of the co-accused are yet to be arrested. Learned State counsel concedes that none of the total 14 cited witnesses has been examined so far.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have gone through the record with their able assistance.

In the present petition, the petitioner is not named in the FIR and the only allegation against him is that the snatched car was recovered from the petitioner and the petitioner has submitted that the said car was parked at his house by the other co-accused and he has no role to play in the incident as recorded in the FIR. The investigation is already over and the charges have also been framed.

Keeping in view the fact that none of the total 14 witnesses has been examined so far and the trial is likely to take some time to conclude, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind bars especially when learned counsel for the petitioner has undertaken before this Court that the petitioner will not influence the trial in any manner and will maintain good conduct, if he is granted bail.

The petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail in this case subject to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

Petition stands allowed.

(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No