

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

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**CRM-M-41061 of 2022
Date of Decision: 13.09.2022**

Ranjit Singh @ Reddy

....Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present: Mr. A.P.S. Deol, Senior Advocate, with
Mr. H. S. Deol, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Kunal Vinayak, AAG, Punjab

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for the grant of regular bail to the petitioner in FIR No.269 dated 20.08.2022, under Sections 323, 341 and 506 of the IPC and Section 3 of the SC/ST Act, 1989 (Sections 384 of the IPC and Section 25, 27, 30/54/59 of the Arms Act added later on), registered at Police Station Derabassi, District SAS Nagar (Mohali).

The learned Senior Counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner is in custody from 21.08.2022 in the present case which was planted upon the petitioner due to the political rivalry since the petitioner is the President of the Municipal Committee, Derabassi and due to the political rivalry such allegations were levelled against the petitioner. He further

submitted that even as per the prosecution story, one of the accused namely Bhupinder Sharma had called the complainant and other co-accused namely Varun Sharma had addressed derogatory remarks. He further submitted that the petitioner has clean antecedents and is not involved in any other case and the only role of the petitioner was that he was present in the office where both the parties were called for the compromise/amicable settlement.

On the other hand, Mr. Amit Rana, learned Senior DAG, Punjab has submitted that it is correct that the petitioner is in custody from 21.08.2022 and he has also submitted that it is also correct that the petitioner is not involved in any other case and has clean antecedents. He has also stated that the petitioner is the President of the Municipal Committee, Derabassi. He has however opposed the grant of bail on the ground that the matter is serious in nature.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

The petitioner is in custody from 21.08.2022 and admittedly he is not involved in any other case and as per the prosecution story he was present in the office where both the parties were called for re-conciliation. It is not the case of the State that in case the petitioner is released on bail, then he may abscond from justice or influence any witness or tamper with evidence.

Therefore, in view of the aforesaid facts and circumstances, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner shall be released on regular bail subject to furnishing bail bonds/surety to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Illaq Magistrate concerned.

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

(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

September 13, 2022
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Whether speaking	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No