

230 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-47703-2021

Decided on: 8th February, 2022

Angrej Singh

Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN

Present: Mr. Param Preet Singh Brar, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Amit Mehta, Sr. DAG, Punjb.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (Oral):

1. Due to COVID-19 situation, the Court is convened through video conference.
2. This third petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. is filed for grant of regular bail in FIR No. 84, dated 20.07.2018, under Sections 302, 201 read with Section 34 IPC and later on added Sections 120-B, 149 IPC, 1860, Police Station Jaitu, District Faridkot. Earlier two petitions were dismissed as withdrawn.
3. The FIR was registered at the instance of Mohinder Singh. Proceedings under Section 174 Cr.P.C. were initiated on recovery of dead body from the railway track. The complainant alleged that the accused hatched conspiracy and murdered Jagseer Singh(deceased). As per the case set up Angerj Singh (petitioner) suspected that the deceased was having illicit relationship with his wife. The dead body was recovered from the railway track having injury marks.
4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that there is a delay

of two months between recovery of the dead body and registering the FIR. He further submits that there is no eye-witness of the incident. Co-accused were granted bail or anticipatory bail by this Court. The petitioner is in custody since 21st July, 2018 and there is no substantial progress in the trial.

5. Reply dated 7th February, 2022 filed by State counsel is taken on record.

6. Learned State counsel opposes the prayer for grant of regular bail, however, he is not in a position to distinguish the case of the petitioner vis-a-vis the co-accused orders grant of bail is concerned.

7. Without commenting upon the merits of the case, considering the custody period of the petitioner and the fact that co-accused were granted bail and conclusion of the trial is likely to take time, petitioner is granted bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate concerned.

8. The petition is allowed.

9. It is clarified that observations made hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

[AVNEESH JHINGAN]
JUDGE

8th February, 2022

Parveen Sharma

1. Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes /No
2. Whether reportable	:	Yes /No