

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

CRM-M-53430-2021

Date of decision: 14.02.2022

Harshal

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Manoj Kumar, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Davinder Bir Singh, DAG, Punjab.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

Case is taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

Through this petition, the petitioner seeks regular bail in case bearing FIR No.187 dated 25.11.2019, registered at Police Station Nakodar Sadar, District Jalandhar, under Sections 304, 201 and 34 IPC.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that as per the allegations, the petitioner and co-accused Ranjit Singh alias Jita took away Paramveer Singh (since deceased) whose dead body was found lying on the cremation ground of the village. He further contends that there is no direct evidence against the petitioner to connect him with the alleged occurrence and rather, the deceased had died due to overdose of intoxicant substance; that co-accused Ranjit Singh alias Jita stands enlarged on bail, vide order dated 05.03.2021 passed by this Court in CRM-M-43841-2020, and that the petitioner has been in custody since 26.11.2019 .

On the other hand, learned State counsel, while opposing the

prayer made by the learned counsel for the petitioner for the grant of bail, submits that the petitioner and the other co-accused administered some poisonous substance to Paramvir Singh, following which he had died.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

Charges stands framed against the petitioner. The petitioner has been in custody since 26.11.2019. Trial is unlikely to conclude any time soon. Moreover, co-accused, namely, Ranjit Singh alias Jita stands released on bail by this Court, vide order dated 05.03.2021 passed in CRM-M-43841-2020 and as such, on the ground of parity, the petitioner is also entitled to be released on bail. Therefore, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind the bars.

In view of the above, without commenting anything on the merits, lest it should prejudice the case of either side, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

14.02.2022

parveen kumar

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking?

Yes/No

Whether reportable?

Yes/No