

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

CRM-M-7534 of 2022 (O&M)

DECIDED ON: 17th January, 2023

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.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

State of Punjab

.....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN.

Present: Mr. Pranav Handa, Advocate for petitioner.

Mr. Iqbal Singh Mann, DAG Punjab.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (ORAL)

This is second petition seeking regular bail in case of FIR No. 200 dated 7.11.2018, under Sections 379-B/34/392 of Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Division No.4, Jalandhar, District Police Commissionerate Jalandhar.

First petition was dismissed as withdrawn with liberty to revive the prayer at a later stage on 29.7.2021.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the co-accused were granted bail by the Sessions Court, petitioner was not named in the FIR, he is in custody since 7.12.2020, investigation is complete, he is not involved in any other case and seeks parity with co-accused-Kamal who was granted bail by Sessions Judge on 14.2.2019.

Learned State counsel opposes the prayer and submits that the petitioner was declared proclaimed offender vide order dated 16.3.2019 and was arrested on 7.12.2022. He is not in a position to dispute the fact that petitioner is on parity with co-accused-Kamal, so far as granted of bail is concerned.

Without commenting on the merits of the case and on the basis of parity and that though investigation is complete conclusion of trial is likely to take time, petitioner has no criminal antecedents, bail is granted to the petitioner on furnishing bail bonds in the sum of Rs.1,00,000/- to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate concerned.

The petition is allowed.

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

Since the main case has been decided, the pending application, if any is rendered infructuous.

17th January, 2023

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(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned *Yes*

Whether reportable *No*