

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

Sr. No.215

CRM-M-7460-2023

Date of Decision : February 17, 2023

Satnam Singh @ Gondu and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. Parampreet Singh Paul, Advocate, for the petitioners.

Mr. Pankaj Khullar, AAG, Punjab.

SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (ORAL)

This petition has been filed for grant of regular bail in FIR No.89, dated 10.05.2020, registered at Police Station Lalru, District SAS Nagar, Mohali, under Sections 323, 341, 506, 148, 149 IPC and Section 302 IPC added later on.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioners have been in custody for over two and a half years. The trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date as only 01 Pw has been examined till date out of a total of 25 PWs. The petitioners have no criminal antecedents. Identically situated co-accused Gurpreet Singh @ Shami has been granted regular bail vide order dated 17.01.2023 passed in CRM-M-1452-2023. Thus, the petitioners may also be granted regular bail.

Custody certificates dated 16.02.2023 and 17.02.2023 respectively checked Sh.Rajdeep Singh Brar, Deputy Superintendent, New District Jail Nabha, Punjab have been filed in Court. The same are taken on

record. A perusal thereof show that petitioners have undergone actual custody of 02 years, 09 months and 03 days and there is no other criminal case pending against the petitioners.

Learned State counsel concedes that only one Pw has been examined till date out of a total of 25 Pws. He also concedes that co-accused Gurpreet Singh @ Shami who has been granted regular bail is identically situated as the petitioners.

It is thus evident that the trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date. Keeping in view the period of custody already undergone as well as in view of the principle of parity, I deem it appropriate to grant the petitioners regular bail. Accordingly, the petition is allowed. They are ordered to be released on bail on their furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

February 17, 2023*Ankur***(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned Yes

Whether Reportable No