

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Sr. No.208

CRM-M-8757-2023 (O&M)

Date of decision : 28.02.2023

Sombir @ Sonu

..... Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Haryana

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Ms. Alisha Soni, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Himmat Singh, DAG, Haryana

SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (Oral)

The petitioner seeks regular bail in case FIR No.0146 dated 17.04.2022, registered at Police Station Matlauda, District Panipat, under Sections 148, 149, 341, 323 & 506 IPC (Sections 325 & 308 IPC added later on).

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been in custody for over 09 months. There is one other criminal case pending against him in which he is on bail. The trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date as examination of PWs has not yet commenced. The role of the petitioner in this case is similar to that of Jogender @ Sundla who has been granted regular bail by this Court vide order dated 02.02.2023. Thus, the petitioner may be granted regular bail.

Custody certificate dated 24.02.2023 digitally signed by Smt. Geeta Rani, Deputy Superintendent, District Prison, Panipat has been filed in Court. The same is taken on record. A perusal thereof shows that the petitioner has undergone actual custody of 09 months and 22 days and there is one other criminal case pending against him in which he is on bail.

Learned State counsel concedes that examination of PWs has not yet commenced.

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 on the principle of parity, I deem it appropriate to grant regular bail to the petitioner.

The petition is allowed and it is directed that the petitioner be released on bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE

28.02.2023
Ramandeep Singh

Whether speaking / reasoned

Yes

Whether Reportable

No