

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

**CRM-M-9549-2023
Decided on:-18.04.2023**

Manpreet Singh

....Petitioner..

VS.

State of Punjab

....Respondent.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARKESH MANUJA

Present: Mr. Kamal Narula, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Shukla, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. G.S. Saini, Advocate,
for the complainant.

HARKESH MANUJA J.

By way of present petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C, prayer has been made for grant of regular bail pending trial in case FIR No.116 dated 15.08.2022, under Sections 386, 506, 511 and 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station Sadar Zira, District Ferozepur.

As per the allegations levelled in the FIR, petitioner besides others gave ransom call to the complainant.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is in custody for almost 08 months now and the investigation in the present case already stands concluded with the filing of challan on 14.10.2022 and the trial is likely to take some time. He further submits that in the present case, no money ever exchanged between the petitioner and complainant.

On the other hand learned State counsel assisted by Mr. Gurmeet Singh Saini, Advocate for the complainant opposes the prayer made on behalf of the petitioner while submitting that the petitioner has been specifically named in the FIR and there is 01 more case of similar nature is pending against him.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and gone through the paper-book. I find substance in submissions made on behalf of learned counsel for the petitioner.

Considering the fact that petitioner is behind the bars for almost 08 months now, the investigation in the present case already stand concluded with the filing of challan and trial is likely to take some time, I do not find any reason to extend the incarceration of the petitioner any further. As regards the pendency of other case, it may be pointed out here that the same is based on disclosure made by the petitioner during his custody before the police in the present case.

In view of the above, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and petitioner is ordered to be released on bail, subject to his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

18.04.2023

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JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/ No