

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-10483-2023

Date of Decision.:26.07.2023

Gurpreet Singh @ Babbar

.....Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK GUPTA

Present:- Mr. Kinshu Mittal, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Randeep Singh Khaira, DAG, Punjab.

DEEPAK GUPTA, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail by way of this petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C in case FIR No.0259 dated 24.11.2022 registered under Sections 379-B of the IPC registered at Police Station City Sangrur, District Sangrur.

2. FIR was lodged on the complaint of Krishna Rani as per which on 24.11.2022 two unknown persons came on a bike from backside and snatched her gold chain.

3. As per status report filed on behalf of respondent- State by way of affidavit of Shri Ajaypal Singh PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub Division, Sangrur, secret information was received on 04.12.2022, as per which it is Sarowar Singh and Jatin @ Mota who had committed the snatching. It is alleged that said Sarowar Singh and Jatin @ Mota nominated the petitioner who was member of their gang and involved in snatching and to whom they had handed over the snatched chain.

4. It is submitted by learned counsel for the petitioner that petitioner is not named in the FIR; that no recovery pertaining to this case

has been effected from him; and that he is in custody from the last 07 months and 20 days.

5. Learned State counsel has opposed the bail petition on the ground that petitioner is a habitual offender and is involved in three more cases. As per the custody certificate placed on record by learned State counsel petitioner is in custody in this case from the last 07 months and 20 days and involved in three more cases of similar nature.

6. However, learned counsel for the petitioner has placed on record the copies of the orders passed by the different Courts revealing that he has been allowed bail in all those three cases bearing FIR No.262 dated 03.12.2022 registered at Police Station City Sangrur; FIR No.201 dated 28.11.2022 registered at Police Station City Khanna 2 & FIR No.260 dated 08.12.2022 registered at Police Station Bhawanigarh.

7. It is informed by learned State counsel that challan has already been filed and charges are yet to be framed. Trial is likely to take long time to conclude.

8. Having regard the aforesaid facts and circumstances, but without commenting anything further on the merits of the case, this petition is allowed and petitioner is admitted to bail on his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Learned Trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned, on usual terms and conditions.

July 26, 2023
Neetika Tuteja

(DEEPAK GUPTA)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking/reasoned Yes/No
Whether Reportable Yes/No