

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Sr. No.213

CRM-M-14489-2023 (O&M)

Date of decision :27.03.2023

GURPREET SINGH @ KAKA

..... Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. C.S. Rana, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Harkanwarjit Singh, AAG, Punjab

SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (Oral)

CRM-13308-2023

Application is allowed as prayed for.

Exemption sought is granted.

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The petitioner seeks regular bail in case FIR No.102 dated 16.06.2021, registered at Police Station Koom Kalan, District Ludhiana, under Sections 302, 379-B, 506, 148 & 149 IPC (Section 201 IPC added later on).

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that identically situated co-accused, namely, Avtar Singh @ Meshi @ Memi has been granted regular bail by this Court vide order dated 14.03.2023 passed in CRM-M-57068-2022. The petitioner has been in custody for more than 1 ½ year and that the trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date as only 01 PW out of a total of 24 PWs has been examined. Thus, the petitioner may be granted regular bail.

Custody certificate dated 25.03.2023 checked by Sh. Kanwar Surteg Singh, Deputy Superintendent, Central Jail, Ludhiana has been filed in Court. The same is taken on record. A perusal thereof shows that the petitioner has undergone actual custody of 01 year, 08 months and 24 days and there is no other criminal case pending against him.

Learned State counsel concedes that the petitioner is identically situated as aforementioned Avtar Singh @ Meshi @ Memi and that only 01 PW has been examined till date out of a total of 24 PWs.

In view of the fact that the trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date as well as keeping in view 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.

27.03.2023

Ramandeep Singh

Whether speaking / reasoned

Whether Reportable

(SUDHIR MITTAL)

JUDGE

Yes

No