

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

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CRM-M-17132-2023(O&M)
Date of decision: 04.10.2023

Sagar Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. Vaibhav Narang, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr. Manipal Singh Atwal, DAG Punjab

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J.

1. Prayer in the present petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. is for the grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.169 dated 11.12.2022, registered under Sections 323, 324, 452 and 34 IPC (Sections 379-B and 325 IPC added later on), at Police Station Sultanwind, District Police Commissionerate, Amritsar.

2. Learned counsel contends that the petitioner is in custody for about 10 months. The injuries attributed to the petitioner are simple in nature as opined by the doctor. The co-accused Shindal Kaur, who had allegedly given the grievous injury, has been granted anticipatory bail by this Court vide order dated 16.03.2023, Annexure P-2. The other two co-accused namely Tarsem Singh Jashan Singh have also been granted regular bail by this Court vide orders dated 21.03.2023 and 26.07.2023. Challan was presented on 12.03.2023, however, charges have not been framed. In all there are 18 prosecution witnesses. As a

matter of fact, two more accused have been arraigned in the case namely Ravi Singh and Amarjeet Singh, qua them supplementary challan is yet to be presented.

The petitioner is not involved in any other case.

3. The custody certificate dated 04.10.2023 has been filed by learned State counsel. As per the same, the petitioner is behind bars for 9 months and 25 days.

4. Learned State counsel opposes the bail on the ground that there are specific allegations against the petitioner of having inflicted injuries to victim-Jonika and snatched the mobile, which though was recovered from the co-accused, as is apparent from the CCTV footage. He is however unable to controvert the submissions with regard to stage of the case, co-accused having been granted bail and the petitioner not being involved in any other case.

5. Heard.

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, in particular that the petitioner is in custody for the last 9 months and 25 days; not involved in any other case; co-accused have been enlarged on bail; challan stood presented on 12.03.2023; charges are still to be framed; there are a total of 18 prosecution witnesses, the trial is likely to take a considerable time, thus his further incarceration would not serve any useful purpose, the present petition for grant of regular bail deserves to be allowed.

7. As a result, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail, subject to his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned and subject to his not being required in any other case. The petitioner shall abide by the following conditions:-

- (i) The petitioner will not tamper with the evidence during the trial.
- (ii) The petitioner will not pressurize/ intimidate the prosecution witnesses.
- (iii) The petitioner will appear before the trial Court on each and every date fixed, unless is exempted by a specific order of Court.
- (iv) The petitioner shall not commit an offence similar to the offence of which, he is an accused, or for commission of which he is suspected of.
- (v) The petitioner shall not directly or indirectly coerce, induce, threaten or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him/ her from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer or tamper with the evidence in any manner.
- (vi) The petitioner shall not in any manner misuse his liberty.
- (vii) The petitioner shall furnish his address and mobile number to the Trial Court forthwith and shall not change the same till the conclusion of the trial and in case for any reason, the petitioner seeks to change any of the aforesaid, the same shall be done only with prior intimation to the learned Trial Court, stating the reason for the same.
- (viii) The petitioner shall not leave the country without prior permission of the trial Court.
- (ix) The trial Court/Duty Magistrate may impose any other condition, as deemed appropriate while releasing the petitioner.

8. It is made abundantly clear that in case there is any breach of the aforesaid conditions, the State shall be at liberty to seek cancellation of bail as granted to the petitioner by this order.

9. In view of the above, it is clarified that the observations made herein are limited for the purpose of present proceedings and would not be construed as

an opinion on the merits of the case and the trial would proceed independently of the aforesaid observations.

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

October 04, 2023
M.Kamra

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes / No

Whether reportable : Yes / No