

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

**CRM-M-17513-2023
Date of Decision : 20.04.2023**

Lovepreet Singh alias Labhu

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKRAM AGGARWAL

Present : Mr. Prince Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. M.S.Nagra, AAG, Punjab
for the respondent-State.

VIKRAM AGGARWAL, J (ORAL)

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.155 dated 04.11.2022, registered under Section 379-B IPC, at Police Station Verowal, Tehsil Patti, District Tarn Taran.

The allegation against the petitioner is that on 04.11.2022, he snatched the wallet of complainant Lakhbir Singh which contained cash amounting to Rs.1,000/- and 'Aadhaar Card'.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is in custody since 04.11.2022. He further submits that no recovery is to be made from him; final report under Section 173 CR.P.C. has already been

submitted; trial will take a sufficiently long time and no useful purpose will be served by keeping the petitioner in custody any longer.

On the other hand, learned counsel representing the respondent-State of Punjab has opposed the bail petition. It has been submitted that the petitioner was apprehended at the spot. He further submits that another case under the Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 is registered against him in which he was declared a proclaimed offender and subsequently FIR under Section 174-A IPC was also registered.

I have considered the submissions made by learned counsel for the parties. The petitioner is in custody since 04.11.2022. More than five months have passed. Final report under Section 173 Cr.P.C. has been submitted and charges are yet to be framed. Trial will take a sufficiently long time and, therefore, in the considered opinion of this Court, no useful purpose will be served by keeping the petitioner in custody any longer.

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

(VIKRAM AGGARWAL)
JUDGE

20.04.2023

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Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No