

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-22603-2023
Date of decision: 10.05.2023

Valinder Ram @ Varinder Ram

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. Ajay Pal Singh Rehan, Advocate
for the petitioner

Mr. H. S. Sullar, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

AMAN CHAUDHARY. J.

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for the grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case of FIR No. 41 dated 20.03.2022, registered under Sections 307, 323 and 34 IPC (Section 302 IPC added later on) at Police Station Dasuya, District Hoshiarpur.

2. Learned counsel contends that the petitioner has been in custody for the last about 1 year 1 month having been arrested on 24.03.2022. He and the deceased were known to each other as they were living together at the tubewell of the complainant. The allegations against him are of having inflicted a blow during the festival of *Holi* on the deceased. It was a sudden fight. The complainant as well as eye witness appeared as PW-1 and PW-2 respectively and have not supported the case of the prosecution. Though, charges were framed on 07.09.2022, however, only 2 out of 18 prosecution witnesses have been

examined. He is not involved in any other case.

3. The custody certificate dated 08.05.2023 filed by the learned State counsel is taken on record. As per the same, the petitioner is behind bars for the last 1 year 1 month and 15 days.

4. Learned State counsel opposes the bail on the ground that the petitioner is the main accused who gave the fatal blow. However, he is unable to controvert the submissions with regard to the stage of the case, witnesses having not supported the prosecution case and petitioner being not involved in any other case.

5. Heard.

6. In view of the facts and circumstances of the case particularly that the petitioner has been in custody for the last 1 year 1 month and 15 days; he is not involved in any other case; charges have been framed but out of 18 prosecution witnesses only 2 have yet been examined; the trial is likely to take considerable time, his incarceration would not serve any useful purpose, thus 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:-

1. The petitioner will not tamper with the evidence during the trial.
2. The petitioner will not pressurize/intimidate the prosecution witnesses.
3. The petitioner will appear before the trial Court on each and every date fixed, unless is exempted by a specific order of Court.
4. 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.

- 5. 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.
- 6. The petitioner shall not in any manner misuse his liberty.
- 7. 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.
- 8. The petitioner shall deposit his passport, if any, with the Trial Court forthwith and in case, he does not have the passport, he shall furnish a specific affidavit in this regard.

8. It is made clear that in case of any infraction of any 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 above are limited for the purpose of present proceedings and would not be construed as any opinion on the merits of the case and the trial would proceed independently of the aforesaid observations.

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

10.05.2023

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