

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Sr. No.211

CRM-M-24738-2023 (O&M)

Date of decision : 19.05.2023

Kalu Gurnam Singh

..... Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. Viren Sibal, Legal Aid Counsel, for the petitioner.

Mr. Kamalpreet Bawa, AAG, Punjab

SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (Oral)

The petitioner seeks regular bail in case FIR No.178 dated 05.06.2022, registered at Police Station Maqboolpura, District Amritsar, under Sections 379-B, 148 & 149 IPC.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been in custody for more than 11 months and the trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date as even, charges have not yet been framed. The petitioner has clean antecedents and thus, he may be granted regular bail.

Custody certificate dated 17.05.2023 checked by Sh. Rahul Raja, Addl. Superintendent, Central Jail, Goindwal, has been submitted in Court. The same is taken on record. A perusal thereof shows that the petitioner has undergone actual custody of 11 months and 15 days and there is no other criminal case pending/decided against him.

Learned State counsel concedes that charges have not yet been framed.

From the above, it is evident that the trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date and keeping in view the fact that the petitioner has clean antecedents and has been in custody for more than 11 months, I deem it appropriate to grant regular bail to him.

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 Judicial Magistrate, concerned.

(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE

19.05.2023
Ramandeep Singh

Whether speaking / reasoned	Yes
Whether Reportable	No