

**215 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
CHANDIGARH****CRM-M-32162-2022 (O&M)****Date of Decision: 22.03.2023****GURPREET SINGH****...Petitioner****V/S****STATE OF PUNJAB****...Respondents****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK MANCHANDA**

Present: Mr. Aditya Pratap Singh, Advocate
for Mr. Sandeep Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Gurdarshan Singh Sidhu, AAG Punjab.

DEEPAK MANCHANDA J.

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in the case bearing FIR No. 110 dated 29.10.2021 registered under Section 379-B of the Indian Penal Code and Section 25 of Arms Act registered at Police Station Shri Hargobindpur District Batala.

Learned State counsel has filed custody certificate of the petitioner, which is taken on record.

Contents of the FIR are that on 28.10.2021, two unknown persons whose faces were covered, snatched the car of complainant on gun point.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that petitioner has been implicated in the present FIR only on the basis of disclosure statement of the co-accused and there is no direct evidence to connect the present petitioner with the alleged offence. It is further contended that petitioner is in custody since 24.12.2021, investigation of the case is complete and challan already stands presented.

On the other hand, learned State Counsel has opposed the aforesaid prayer, however, he submits that investigation of the case is

complete and the challan stands presented.

Having heard learned counsel for the parties and gone through the case file and custody certificate filed by learned State counsel, it is significant to note that the petitioner is in custody for a period of 1 year 02 months and 20 days. Investigation of the case has been completed and challan stands presented. Conclusion of the trial shall take considerable long time. No useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner in further incarceration.

As such, sufficient mitigating circumstances are made out to extend the concession of bail to the petitioner. Therefore, without making any expression of opinion on the merits of the case, it is ordered that the petitioner be released on regular bail subject to her furnishing requisite bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate.

The petition is allowed.

22.03.2023
Ajay Goswami

(DEEPAK MANCHANDA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No