

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

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CRM-M-43290-2021(O&M)

Date of decision : 05.01.2023

Akashdeep Singh `

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR JUSTICE HARKESH MANUJA

Present:- Mr. Arshdeep Singh, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Shukla, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Mikhail Kad, Advocate, for the complainant.

HARKESH MANUJA, J. (Oral)

By way of present petition, the petitioner prays for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.129 dated 22.06.2020 under Sections 379-B/379/411/34 of IPC, 1860, registered at Police Station Ghuman, Police Station, Batala (Punjab).

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner is behind the bars for more than one year and the investigation stands concluded and *challan* has been filed against him. Learned counsel for the petitioner also submits that petitioner is young boy of 22 years of age and has already suffered a lot. Since the trial is likely to take long time, as such, he deserves the concession of regular bail.

On the other hand learned State counsel has opposed for grant of regular bail to the petitioner by submitting that originally the FIR was registered against three persons out of which one co-accused i.e. Billa is yet to be arrested.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and gone through the paper book.

In the present case, petitioner is behind the bars for more than 1 year and investigation already stands concluded and the challan has been presented way back on 11.09.2021 i.e. even expiry of 1 year 3 months, charges have not been framed so far. The conclusion of trial is likely to take long time.

In view of the above, without commenting anything on the merits, lest it may prejudice the case of either side, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the concerned learned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

05.01.2023
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(HARKESH MANUJA)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned :</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>