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

**CRM-M-39064-2023
Date of Decision: 17.08.2023**

Manpreet Singh alias Mannu

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present: Ms. Gurpreet Kaur, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramdeep Partap Singh, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (ORAL)

1. The present is a second petition filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No.86 dated 26.07.2022, under Section 307, 120-B, 148, 149 IPC and Section 25 of the Arms Act, registered at Police Station Doraha, District Khana.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner is in custody since 25.08.2022 which is almost 1 year and the investigation of the case has already been completed and thereafter, challan has also been presented before the competent Court. She further submitted that the petitioner was falsely implicated in the present case and he is having clean antecedents and he is not involved in any other case. She also submitted that the other co-accused, namely, Jatinder Singh @ Billa, who is

at parity with the present petitioner, has already been extended the benefit of regular bail by a Co-ordinate Bench of this Court in CRM-M-20524-2023 on 18.05.2023 vide Annexure P-2. She further submitted that now another co-accused, namely, Inderpreet Singh, who is also at parity with the present petitioner, has also been extended the benefit of regular bail by this Court in CRM-M-38979-2023 on 16.08.2023 and submitted that in view of the aforesaid position and considering the clean antecedents of the petitioner, he may also be considered for the grant of regular bail.

3. On the other hand, Mr. Ramdeep Partap Singh, learned Sr. Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, has submitted that it is correct that the petitioner is in custody for almost one year and he is not involved in any other case. He further submitted that it is also correct that the petitioner is at parity with the aforesaid two co-accused, who have been extended the benefit of regular bail.

4. I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

5. The petitioner has already faced incarceration for almost one year. As per the learned counsels for the parties, the petitioner is at parity with the aforesaid two co-accused, who have been extended the benefit of regular bail. The petitioner has clean antecedents and is not involved in any other case. Furthermore, it is neither the case of the State nor it has been argued by the learned State counsel that in case the petitioner is released on bail then he may abscond or flee from justice or may influence the witness or may tamper with the evidence.

6. Therefore, considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances of the case, this Court deems it fit and proper to grant bail to the petitioner.

Consequently, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on furnishing bail bond/surety bond to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned, if not required in any other case.

7. However, anything observed hereinabove shall not be treated as an expression of opinion on merits of the case and is only meant for the purpose of decision of present petition.

17.08.2023
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(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

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| 1. Whether speaking/reasoned: | Yes/No |
| 2. Whether reportable: | Yes/No |