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

**CRM-M-41449-2023
Date of Decision: 25.08.2023**

Jaspal Singh alias Kalu Petitioner
Versus

State of Punjab Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present: Mr. Kanwar Pahul Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. H.S. Sitta, DAG, Punjab.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (ORAL)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No.351 dated 15.12.2022, under Sections 379-B & 34 IPC registered at Police Station Civil Lines, District Amritsar.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner is in custody since 16.12.2022, which is more than 8 months and the investigation of the case has already been completed and now the charges have also been framed by the learned trial Court. He further submitted that the allegations in the present case were pertaining to snatching of Rs.2000/- and he does not have any criminal antecedents except for one case which is under Sections 107 & 151 Cr.P.C. He submitted that it is a case where the petitioner has already faced incarceration for more than 8 months and therefore, he may be considered for the grant of regular bail.

3. On the other hand, Mr. H.S. Sitta, learned Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, has submitted that it is correct that the petitioner is in

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custody since 16.12.2022 and investigation of the case has been completed and the charges have also been framed by the trial Court. He further submitted that the subject matter of the present theft is of Rs.2000/-.

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

5. The petitioner is in custody for more than 8 months. The investigation of the case has already been completed and even the charges have also been framed by the trial Court. The subject matter of the present case is only of Rs.2000/-. The trial of the case may take long time. 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. Therefore, considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances of the case, this Court deems it fit and proper to grant bail to the petitioner.

6. Consequently, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular 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.

25.08.2023

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(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

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