

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Sr. No.206

CRM-M-53867-2022 (O&M)

Date of decision : 28.02.2023

Pankaj Sharma

..... Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. Vikram Kumar, Advocate for
Mr. J.S. Sidhu, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Harkanwarjit Singh, AAG, Punjab

SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (Oral)

The petitioner seeks regular bail in case FIR No.184 dated 27.08.2022, registered at Police Station Kotwali Patiala, District Patiala, under Section 379-B read with Section 511 IPC.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has clean antecedents. One other criminal case has been registered against him, but that is on account of a motor accident. The petitioner has undergone custody in excess of 05 months and the trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date as only charge has been framed as yet. Thus, the petitioner may be granted regular bail.

Custody certificate dated 28.02.2023 prepared by Sh. H.S. Gill, PPS, Addl. Superintendent, Central Jail, Patiala has been filed in Court. The same is taken on record. A perusal thereof shows that the petitioner has undergone actual custody of 05 months and 28 days and there is one other criminal case pending against him which is under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988.

Learned State counsel concedes that examination of PWs has not yet commenced and that only charge has been framed as yet.

It is thus, evident that the trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date. Keeping in view the period of custody already undergone as well as the fact that the petitioner has clean antecedents, I deem it appropriate to grant regular bail to the petitioner. 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 Magistrate, concerned.

(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE

28.02.2023
Ramandeep Singh

Whether speaking / reasoned	Yes
Whether Reportable	No