

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

CRM-M-52760-2023

Date of Decision:20.10.2023

Manjot Singh @ Jyoti

...Petitioner

vs.

State of Punjab

...Respondent

Coram : Hon'ble Mr. Justice N.S.Shekhawat

Present : Mr. Parunjeet Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. M.S. Bajwa, DAG, Punjab.

N.S.Shekhawat J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner has filed the instant petition under Section 439 Cr.PC with a prayer to grant regular bail in case FIR No. 119 dated 06.12.2022 registered under Sections 379B(2),411,201,148,149 of IPC and Section 25 of the Arms Act, Police Station Daba, District Ludhiana (Annexure P-1).

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner was not named in the FIR and there is no averment in the FIR, which describes the physical description of the petitioner or connects the petitioner with the commission of crime in any manner. Learned counsel for the petitioner further contends that similarly placed co-accused Sonu @ Sonu Gupta and Lovepreet Kaur @ Preeti have been granted the concession of bail by this Court in CRM-M-17748-2023 and CRM-M-20045-2023. Learned counsel has further placed reliance on the order dated 05.09.2023 (Annexure P-3), whereby the concession of bail was granted to Jasmail Singh @ Sajan and submits that the petitioner is similarly placed with the co-accused.

3. On the other hand, learned State counsel has opposed the prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioner on the ground that serious and specific allegations have been levelled against the present petitioner and he does not deserve the concession of bail. However, he does not dispute the fact that the similarly placed co-accused have already been granted the concession of bail.

4. I have heard the learned counsel for the parties and perused the record.

5. It is not in dispute that similarly placed co-accused have already been granted the concession of bail and the petitioner is in custody since 19.05.2023. The challan has already been presented against him. Even charges have been framed by the Trial Court and the Trial court may take considerable long time to conclude the trial.

6. Without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on bail pending trial on his furnishing bail bonds and surety to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court/ Duty Magistrate/Chief Judicial Magistrate.

20.10.2023
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(N.S.SHEKHAWAT)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No