

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-55992-2022
Date of decision: 13.03.2023

LAKHA SINGH

....Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. Satbir Gill, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Manipal Singh Atwal, DAG, Punjab.

AMAN CHAUDHARY. J.

The present petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for the grant of regular bail to the petitioner in respect of FIR No. 126 dated 03.07.2022 under Sections 307, 379-B, 324, 341, 323, 506, 148,149 IPC (Section 427 and 411 IPC added later on) registered at Police Station City Kotbhai, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Learned counsel contends that the petitioner has been in custody for the last 8 months having been arrested on 12.07.2022. The attribution of the injury to him is simple in nature. He submits that though the weapon attributed to the petitioner is a sword, however, as per the MLR, the injury on the head is caused with a blunt weapon. Material witness i.e. the complainant has since been examined, otherwise there are 18 more witnesses yet to be examined. He is involved in one more case under Section 325 IPC in which he is on bail.

Learned State counsel opposes the bail on the ground that he has been attributed an injury on the head of the complainant. However, he is unable to

controvert the other submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner with regard to the observation in MLR, custody, stage of the trial and that the petitioner is on bail in the other case.

Heard.

In view of the facts and circumstances of the case, in particular that the petitioner has been in custody since 12.07.2022; complainant stands examined; there are 18 prosecution witnesses are yet to be examined; the trial is likely to take a considerable time, his further detention behind bars would not serve any useful purpose, thus the present petition for grant of regular bail deserves to be allowed.

As a result, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail, subject to his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned and subject to him not being required in any other case. The petitioner shall abide by the following conditions:-

1. The petitioner will not tamper with the evidence during the trial.
2. The petitioner will not pressurize/ intimidate the prosecution witnesses.
3. The petitioner will appear before the trial Court on each and every date fixed, unless is exempted by a specific order of Court.
4. The petitioner shall not commit an offence similar to the offence of which, he is an accused, or for commission of which he is suspected of.
5. The petitioner shall not directly or indirectly coerce, induce, threaten or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him/ her from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer or tamper with the evidence in any manner.
6. The petitioner shall not in any manner misuse his liberty.

7. The petitioner shall furnish his address and mobile number to the Trial Court forthwith and shall not change the same till the conclusion of the trial and in case for any reason, the petitioner seeks to change any of the aforesaid, the same shall be done only with prior intimation to the learned Trial Court, stating the reason for the same.
8. The petitioner shall deposit his passport, if any, with the Trial Court forthwith and in case, he does not have the passport, he shall furnish a specific affidavit in this regard.

It is made clear that in case of any infraction of any of the aforesaid conditions, the State shall be at liberty to seek cancellation of bail as granted to the petitioner by this order.

In view of the above, this Court makes it clarified that the observations made herein above are limited for the purpose of present proceedings and would not be construed as any opinion on the merits of the case and the trial would proceed independently of the aforesaid observations.

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

13.03.2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No