

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

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CRM-M-59584-2022 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 04.01.2023

RANJODH SINGH @ SEWAK

... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. JS Sandhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Gurvinder Singh Sidhu, AAG Punjab.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J.(Oral)

Through this third petition, the petitioner seeks regular bail in case bearing FIR No.306 dated 03.12.2021, registered under Section 379-B IPC, at Police Station City Muktsar, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been in custody since 02.01.2022; that the complainant has already been examined; that the alleged recovery has already been effected in the present case and that as far as FIR No.39 dated 24.03.2019 is concerned, the petitioner is on bail in the said case.

Per contra, while opposing the prayer for grant of regular bail to the petitioner, learned State counsel does not dispute the custody period of the petitioner. He, however, submits that there are serious allegations against the petitioner, inasmuch as, he along with the co-accused had snatched the purse from the complainant, who is a Science Teacher and was traveling in an e-rickshaw. He further submits that most of the prosecution witnesses are yet to be examined.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

The petitioner has been in custody since 02.01.2022. Recovery has already been effected. Co-accused is behind bars. In another case, the petitioner is on bail. Complainant has already been examined and most of the prosecution witnesses are yet to be examined. In such circumstances, the trial of the case would take a long time to conclude. Therefore, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind bars.

In view of the above and without commenting anything on the merits of the case, lest it should prejudice the case of either side, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Chief Judicial Magistrate concerned.

04.01.2023

Aman Jain

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	:	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	:	<i>Yes/No</i>