

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

**CRM-M-61050-2022
Date of Decision : 23.03.2023**

Prabhjot Singh alias Bui

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKRAM AGGARWAL

Present : Mr. Inder Preet Singh, Advocate and
Mr. Sanpreet Singh Kalra, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. M.S.Nagra, Asstt. Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondent-State.

VIKRAM AGGARWAL, J (ORAL)

Prayer in the present petition is for the grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.66 dated 19.06.2022, registered under Sections 384, 120-B, 506 IPC and Section 27 of the Arms Act, at Police Station Shimlapuri, District Ludhiana, Punjab.

On a complaint submitted by one Jagroop Singh, the said FIR was registered. It was alleged that the present petitioner alongwith certain other persons was giving threats to the complainant that he would be implicated in some false case. There are also allegations of extortion and blackmailing.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is in custody since 06.10.2022 and final report under Section 173 Cr.P.C. has

been submitted, however, no prosecution witness has been examined till date. Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that trial will take a sufficiently long time and, therefore, no useful purpose will be served by keeping the petitioner in custody any longer.

On the other hand, learned counsel representing the respondent-State has opposed the bail application.

The petitioner is in custody since 06.10.2022. More than five months have gone by. Final report under Section 173 Cr.P.C. is stated to have been submitted and no prosecution witness has been examined till date. It is, therefore, clear that trial will take a sufficiently long time and no useful purpose will be served by keeping the petitioner in custody any longer.

In view of the above, without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail to the satisfaction of concerned trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate.

(VIKRAM AGGARWAL)

JUDGE

23.03.2023

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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No