

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

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CRM-M-60731-2023

Date of Decision :-08.12.2023

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...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Prateek Rathee, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Saurabh Mohunta, DAG, Haryana.

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Harsimran Singh Sethi, J. (Oral)

1. 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.233 dated 28.06.2019 registered under Sections 302, 324 and 34 of the IPC at Police Station City Rewari, District Rewari.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is behind the bars for the last more than four and a half years and the trial is not being concluded, which is causing prejudice to the petitioner hence, keeping in view the custody undergone by the petitioner, he be granted the concession of regular bail.

3. Learned State counsel submits that in the present case, the allegations are that the daughter of the petitioner had married the deceased, who was killed by the family of the girl. Learned State counsel further submits that not only the petitioner but his son and brother-in-law are also

involved. Learned State counsel submits that out of the total 18 cited witnesses, one witness has given up and 12 witnesses have already been examined and only 05 witnesses are remained to be examined.

4. Faced with this situation, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that though, he is not pressing the present petition for the grant of regular bail to the petitioner but a direction be given to the trial Court to conclude the trial in a time bound manner so that the petitioner does not suffer indefinite incarceration.

5. Keeping in view the facts and circumstances noticed hereinbefore, present petition is disposed of having been not pressed any further with the direction to the trial Court to conclude the trial within a period of 05 months from the next date of hearing, even if, the said purpose is to be achieved by giving short adjournments or by passing coercive orders for examining the witnesses, who are yet to be examined.

6. It is made clear that no further extension of time for concluding the trial will be given as the petitioner has already suffered more than 04 and a half years of incarceration as under trial.

December 08, 2023

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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No