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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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Date of Decision: 18.12.2023

RANJIT SINGH @ BILLU

... Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASJIT SINGH BEDI

Present: Mr. Dinesh Nagar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Ramta K Chaudhary, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Gurshabad S. Sandhu, Advocate
for the complainant.

JASJIT SINGH BEDI, J.

This 2nd petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. is for the grant of regular bail in case bearing FIR No.0059 dated 08.07.2022 registered under Sections 420, 379-B, 482 and 201 IPC at Police Station Kathgarh, District SBS Nagar (Nawanshahr).

2. The present FIR came to be registered with the allegations that two unknown persons has snatched money from the complainant and from Udham Singh. During the course of investigation, the petitioner came to be arrested on 08.07.2022.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner contends that a compromise has been arrived at between the parties and as the petitioner was in custody since 08.07.2022 but none of the 16 prosecution witnesses had been examined so far, the Trial of the present case was not likely to be

concluded anytime soon and therefore, he was entitled to the concession of bail.

4. On the other hand, the learned State counsel contends that serious allegations have been levelled against the petitioner and therefore, he was not entitled to the concession of bail even though a compromise had been arrived at between the parties in view of the criminal antecedents of the petitioner who had six other cases pending against him.

5. The learned counsel for the complainant contends that a settlement has been arrived at between the parties and therefore, he has no objection if the petitioner is granted the concession of bail.

6. I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

7. Admittedly, the petitioner is in custody since 08.07.2022 and none of the 16 prosecution witnesses have been examined so far. Further, a compromise has been arrived at between the parties. In this situation, the further incarceration of the petitioner is not required.

8. Thus without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned CJM/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

9. The petition stands disposed of.

(JASJIT SINGH BEDI)
JUDGE

18.12.2023

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