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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH****CRM M-307-2024 (O&M)****Date of Decision: 20.02.2024**

Manpreet Singh @ Laddu

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU

Present: Mr. Ramnish Puri, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Manjot Kaur, AAG, Punjab
assisted by ASI Rajwinder.

MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU. J.

Present petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C seeking bail pending trial in FIR No.98 dated 12.08.2023 registered under Sections 379-B (2) IPC (Section 411 read with Section 34 IPC added later on), at Police Station, Khilchian, District Amritsar Rural.

2. Allegations are that petitioner along with his co-accused snatched mobile phone of the complainant.

3. This Court, on 16.01.2024, granted interim bail to the petitioner in the following order:-

“Contends that after investigation, report under Section 173 Cr.P.C. was submitted on 03.11.2023 and charges have also been framed on 18.12.2023. Also contends that co-accused, namely, Ranjit Singh @ Mani has also been granted the concession of interim bail pending trial by this Court.

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In the meanwhile, petitioner be released on interim bail in the present case till the next date of hearing on his furnishing

adequate bail and surety bonds subject to the satisfaction of learned trial Court/CJM/Duty Magistrate concerned.

To be heard along with CRM-M-62409-2023.”

4. Learned counsel submits that petitioner was granted interim bail by this Court on 16.01.2024 and since then, he is regularly appearing before the learned trial Court. Also contends that there is no misuse of concession by the petitioner.

5. Learned State counsel, upon instructions, has fairly acknowledged the above factual position.

6. Heard learned State counsel and perused the paper book.

7. Petitioner has already been granted interim bail by this Court and he is regularly appearing before the learned trial Court. There is no allegation that he is likely to misuse the concession of bail or hamper the proceedings in any manner, in case his interim bail is made absolute. Thus sending the petitioner to custody at this stage would not serve any purpose.

8. Consequently, the present petition is allowed. Interim bail granted to the petitioner, vide order dated 16.01.2024, is made absolute. He shall be admitted to bail on furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned.

9. Petitioner shall fully co-operate with the learned trial Court without seeking any unnecessary adjournment(s).

10. The above observations be not construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

11. It is clarified that in case there is any misuse of concession of bail on the part of the petitioner, State of Punjab would be at liberty to move an appropriate application for recalling of this order. Also clarified that non-

appearance of petitioner before learned trial Court shall be construed as misuse of the concession.

12. Pending criminal misc. application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed off.

20.02.2024
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(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE

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