

S. No.224

2024:PHHC:028875

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

CRM-M-2172 of 2024

Date of Decision:29.02.2024

Deepak Kumar alias Laitbaaz

.....Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK GUPTA

Present:- Mr. Saurav Kanojia, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sahil R. Bakshi, AAG, Punjab.

DEEPAK GUPTA, J. (Oral)

By way of present petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C., petitioner prays for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.78 dated 05.04.2022 registered under Sections 307, 379, 148, 149 and 120-B IPC (Section 201 IPC added later on) at Police Station Sarabha Nagar, District Ludhiana.

Status report by way of affidavit dated 28.02.2024, of Shri Murad Jasvir Singh Gill, PPS, Assistant Commissioner of Police (West), Ludhiana has been filed on behalf of respondent- State along with the custody certificate.

At the outset, learned counsel for the petitioner contends that co-accused Sukhchain Singh alias Sukha, Lavjot Singh alias Lovejot Singh and Harman Singh were allowed bail by common order dated 23.01.2024 passed by this Court (copy Annexure P.3). Learned counsel further contends that the case of the petitioner is on parity with co-accused Harman Singh and, therefore, he should also be allowed bail.

Status report filed by the respondent-State does not dispute the fact that case of the petitioner is on parity with co-accused Harman Singh.

Petitioner is in custody for the last 01 year 06 months and 08 days as per the custody certificate placed on record. He has no other criminal case pending against him.

On instructions from ASI Jagjeet Singh, it has also been informed by learned State Counsel that out of 15 witnesses cited by the prosecution, 04 have since been examined.

In view of the afore-said circumstances, particularly keeping in view the ground of parity, but without commenting anything on the merits of the case and also for all the reasons as have been discussed by this Court in order dated 23.01.2024 (Annexure P.3) whereby co-accused Harman Singh was allowed bail, the present petition is allowed. Petitioner is admitted to bail on his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned trial Court/ Duty Magistrate concerned, on usual terms and conditions.

February 29, 2024
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(DEEPAK GUPTA)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No