

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-2711-2024 (O&M)
Date of decision : 26.02.2024

Ranjit Singh @ Rana ...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab ...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU

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

Ms. Avneet, AAG., Punjab.

MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU, J.

Present petition has been filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for grant of bail pending trial to the petitioner in FIR No. 97 dated 06.06.2023, under Section 379-B (Section 201 added later on) of Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station, Beas, District Amritsar.

2. Allegations are that petitioner along with other co-accused stopped motorcycle of complainant-Rahul Chaudhary and snatched bag containing amount of collection, Samsung tablet, his Adhar card and driving license of the complainant.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that he is regularly appearing before the Court below and there is no allegation that petitioner is likely to misuse the concession of bail or hamper the proceedings in any manner.
4. Learned State Counsel, on instructions, has apprised the Court that charges are yet to be considered in the matter and petitioner is fully cooperating before the learned trial Court. She also acknowledged that petitioner has not misused the concession of interim bail granted by this Court on 24.01.2024.

5. Heard learned counsel for both the sides and perused the paper book.

6. This Court, granted interim bail to the petitioner on 24.01.2024, in the following manner:-

“ Contends that petitioner is in custody since 08.06.2023; he was nominated on the basis of supplementary statement made by the complainant. After investigation, report under Section 173 Cr.P.C. has already been submitted, but charges are yet to be considered. Also submits that there is no other criminal case pending against the petitioner.

Learned State counsel seeks time to verify the above factual position.

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In the meanwhile, petitioner be released on interim bail in the present case till the next date of hearing on furnishing adequate bail and surety bonds bonds subject to the satisfaction of learned trial Court/CJM/Duty Magistrate concerned.”

7. Learned State counsel duly acknowledged that after passing of the aforesaid order, petitioner is regularly appearing before learned trial Court and there is no allegation that in case, interim bail is made absolute, he is likely to misuse the concession or hamper proceedings in any manner. In such a scenario, sending petitioner to custody at this stage would not serve any purpose.

8. Consequently, present petition is allowed. Interim bail granted to the petitioner, vide order dated 24.01.2024, 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 appear on each & every date of hearing and to fully co-operate with the learned trial Court without seeking any unnecessary adjournment(s).

10. The above observations may not be 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 by the petitioner, State of Punjab would be at liberty to move an appropriate application for recalling of this order.
12. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed off.

26.02.2024
Harish Kumar

(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE

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