

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

CRM-M-15798-2024

Date of Decision: April 05, 2024

KULDEEP SINGH

.....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARKESH MANUJA

Present: Mr. Sajan, Advocate for
Mr. Parveen Chauhan, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Athar Ahmed, DAG, Punjab.

HARKESH MANUJA, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner, by way of present petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C., seeks grant of regular bail pending trial in case bearing FIR No.156, dated 01.07.2023, under Sections 379-B(2) & 34 of IPC (Sections 411 & 201 of IPC added later on), registered at Police Station Maqboolpura, District Amrtisar, whereby the petitioner has been implicated on the basis of disclosure statement of co-accused person, namely, Judge Singh for having snatched a mobile phone (VIVO) from the complainant-Kapil Raj.

[2] Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the investigation in the present case stands concluded with the filing of challan and the petitioner is in custody since 07.07.2023 besides he is ready to compensate the complainant for non-refundable sum of Rs. 10,000/-; thus, prayer is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner.

[3] On the other hand, learned State counsel vehemently opposes the prayer while submitting that such kind of incidence are on rise in the society as also considering the short custody period of the petitioner, he does not deserve the concession of regular bail.

[4] I have heard learned counsel for the parties and gone through the paper-book. I find substance in the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner.

[5] In the present case, the petitioner is in custody since 07.07.2023 and the investigation already stands concluded with the filing of challan; the trial is likely to take some time; the petitioner, who is stated to be a young boy of 32 years' age, is not involved in any other criminal case besides he on his own volition is ready to compensate the complainant for a nonrefundable sum of Rs. 10,000/- (Fifteen Thousand only) without prejudice to his rights.

[6] In view of the above, but without commenting upon merits of the present petition, the same is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on bail subject to his furnishing adequate bail bonds / surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Trial Court/Illaqa Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned. The petitioner shall deposit an amount of Rs. 10,000/- at the time of furnishing of his bail bonds and the same shall be released to the complainant.

05.04.2024

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(HARKESH MANUJA)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>