

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-16321-2024
Date of Decision:09.04.2024

Manveer Singh @ Mani ...Petitioner

vs.

State of Punjab and Anr. ...Respondents

Coram : Hon’ble Mr. Justice N.S.Shekhawat

Present : Mr. Gaurav Vir Singh Behl, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Deepinder Brar, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Vidul Kapoor, Advocate for
respondent No.2/complainant.

N.S.Shekhawat J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner has filed the present petition under Section 439 Cr.PC with a prayer to grant regular bail to him in case FIR No. 687 dated 23.12.2023, registered under Sections 379 b(2) amd 34 of IPC, Police Station Division No.7, Ludhiana, Punjab.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the story of the prosecution, as mentioned in the FIR (Annexure P-1) is highly unbelievable and improbable. He further contends that the occurrence had taken place at public place and no private witness was joined in the present case. As per learned counsel, the matter has been amicably resolved between the parties and the compromise deed,Annexure P-4 dated 20.02.2024 has been executed between the parties. As per learned counsel, the petitioner was arrested in the present case on 23.12.2023 and is in custody for the last more than 03 months. He

further contends that after completion of the investigation, the final report under Section 173 Cr. P.C has already been presented. He next contends that no witness has been examined so far and the Trial Court may take quite a long time in concluding the trial.

3. On the other hand, learned State counsel has vehemently opposed the prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioner. However, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the complainant/respondent No.2 submits that he has no objection, in case, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail.

4. I have heard the learned counsel for the parties and perused the record carefully.

5. The petitioner is in custody since 23.12.2023 and is in custody for the last more than 03 months. Moreover, the petitioner is a first offender and the proceedings before the Trial Court may take quite a long time, keeping in view the fact that no witness has been examined so far.

6. 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/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Chief Judicial Magistrate, concerned.

09.04.2024
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(N.S.SHEKHAWAT)
JUDGE

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