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

CRM-M-16214-2024

Date of Decision: 09.04.2024

Jasveer Singh

...Petitioner

vs.

State of Punjab

...Respondent

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

Present : Mr. Gurinder Singh Hayer, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Deepinder Singh Brar, Senior DAG, Punjab.

N.S.Shekhawat J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner has filed the instant petition under Section 439 of the Cr.P.C. with a prayer to grant regular bail in case FIR No.223 dated 05.10.2023 registered under Sections 379-B, 341, 34 of IPC, at Police Station Lambi, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

2. The FIR in the present case was registered on the basis of the statement made by Sukhjeet Singh son of Major Singh. As per allegations levelled by the complainant, three clean shaven persons had waylaid the complainant and after throwing some red coloured powder in the eyes of Gurpreet Singh, they had snatched Rs.95,000/-, Aadhar Card, Driving License and other documents from the complainant. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner was not named in the present case and has been falsely involved only on the basis of the suspicion. He further contends that the petitioner was arrested in the present case on 25.12.2023 and after completion

of investigation, the final report under Section 173 Cr.P.C has already been presented against him before the Court. As per learned counsel, the petitioner is the first offender and was never involved in any other criminal activity.

3. On the other hand, learned State counsel has vehemently opposed the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner on the ground that there are serious allegations against the present petitioner and he is not entitled to grant the concession of bail by this Court.

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

5. The petitioner was arrested in the present case on 25.12.2023 and after completion of the investigation, the final report under Section 173 Cr.P.C. has already been presented before the Court. Even the prosecution has placed reliance on 56 witnesses in the present case, however, no witness has been examined so far. Thus, the conclusion of the trial may take quite a long time and further custody of the petitioner will not serve any meaningful purpose.

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