

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

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**CRM-M No.17570 of 2024
Date of Decision: 29.04.2024**

RANA @ DUDDA RANA SINGH **.....Petitioner**

Vs
STATE OF PUNJAB **....Respondent**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARKESH MANUJA

Present: Mr. Jagdeep Singh Chahal, Advocate
 for the petitioner.

Mr. Rahul Jindal, Asstt. A.G., Punjab.

HARKESH MANUJA, J. (Oral)

1. By way of present petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C., prayer has been made for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No.174 dated 10.06.2023 registered under Sections 307, 332, 353, 186, 225, 427, 148, 149 and Section 3 of Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act, 1984 at Police Station City Kharar, District SAS Nagar (Mohali).
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been implicated with the allegations of having argued and obstructing the police officials from arresting his son namely Vikram.
3. The prayer made on behalf of the petitioner has been opposed by learned State counsel while submitting that in the present case, the petitioner with the help of few others obstructed the police officials from performing their duties while apprehending his son namely Vikram, who resultantly ran away from the spot while the police officials had gone to nab him.

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 behind the bars for almost 02 months. As per learned State counsel investigation stands concluded with the preparation of challan on 26.04.2020 and the same is going to be presented soon before the Trial Court. Petitioner is stated to be 60 years of age and not involved in any other case; all other co-accused with the similar allegations have already been granted concession of bail by the Trial Court vide order dated 07.08.2023 (Annexures P-3 to P-5) respectively and as such, I do not find any justification to extend the incarceration of the petitioner.

6. Accordingly, without expressing any opinion 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 adequate bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the concerned Trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

7. It is made clear that this order may not be construed as expression of an opinion on the merits of the case.

April 29, 2024
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(HARKESH MANUJA)
JUDGE

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