

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

**CRM-M-18686-2024
Decided on:-23.04.2024**

Kartik @ Raja

....Petitioner..

vs.

State of Punjab

....Respondent.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARKESH MANUJA

Present: Mr. Vivek K. Thakur, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Siddharth Sandhu, AAG, Punjab.

HARKESH MANUJA J. (Oral)

1. By way of present petition filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, prayer has been made for grant of regular bail pending trial, in case bearing FIR No.20, dated 15.02.2024, registered under Sections 365, 382, 427, 34 IPC (Section 379-B IPC added later on), at Police Station Nangal, District Rupnagar, wherein, the petitioner has been implicated with the allegations of having given beatings to the complainant with the help of his other accomplices and intentionally damaged the car of the complainant besides forcibly taken away his car.

2. On the other hand, prayer made herein has been opposed at the instance of learned State counsel while submitting that the recovery of car of the complainant was made at the instance of petitioner which prima facie established his involvement in the incident in question.

3. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and gone through the paper book and find substance in the submissions made on behalf of the

petitioner.

4. In the present case, the investigation already stands concluded with the filing of challan and trial is likely to take some time. The petitioner is a young man of 23 years of age, who is behind the bars for the last two months now. Though, there are allegations of having given beatings to the complainant by the petitioner with the help of his other accomplices, however, even as per the learned State counsel, no MLR was ever conducted upon him.

5. Thus, considering the aforesaid facts, I do not find any reason to extend the incarceration of the petitioner any further.

6. Without commenting anything on the merits of the case, lest it may prejudice the trial, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing adequate bail/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 an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

23.04.2024
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(HARKESH MANUJA)
JUDGE

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