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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-19144 of 2024
Date of Decision: 25.04.2024

Harpal Singh @ Bhalla

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP MOUDGIL

Present: Mr. L.M. Gulati, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Rajiv Verma, DAG, Punjab.

SANDEEP MOUDGIL, J (ORAL)

This is a petition seeking regular bail to the petitioner in FIR No.01, dated 04.01.2024, under Sections 379-B and 34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (Sections 411 and 379 IPC added later on), registered at Police Station Civil Lines, District Amritsar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the case. As per the prosecution story, the petitioner has snatched the mobile phone.

Learned State counsel has filed the custody certificate of the petitioner, which is taken on record where the petitioner has already suffered incarceration of 03 months and 19 days. He admits that the petitioner is not involved in any other case as is evident from the custody certificate also.

Be that as it may, considering the fact that investigation is complete, challan stands filed and charges have also been framed and the

petitioner has suffered incarceration of 03 months and 19 days as of now, is a person of clean antecedents as is evident from the custody certificate, which is suffice to infer for this Court that the conclusion of trial shall take considerable time, this Court is of the view that no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind the bars for an indefinite period.

In view of the above, the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

In the aforesaid terms, the present petition is, hereby, allowed.

However, it is made clear that any observation made hereinabove, shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

25.04.2024
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(SANDEEP MOUDGIL)
JUDGE

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