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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-22745-2024 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 13.09.2024

Harbilas Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present: Mr. A.P. Kaushal, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Rajiv Verma, DAG, Punjab.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (Oral)

1. The present is a fourth petition filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in FIR No.92 dated 05.12.2020, under Sections 302/307/506/427/148/149 IPC (Sections 379-B and 201 IPC added later on) and Section 25/27 of Arms Act, registered at Police Station Sadiq, District Faridkot.

2. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is in custody for 3 years and 9 months and the trial of the case has not progressed in a proper pace and considering the long custody of the petitioner, he may be considered for the grant of regular bail.

3. On the last date of hearing, this Court had directed the learned trial Court to submit a report regarding the stage of the trial. A report has been received from the learned trial Court in which it has been so stated that out of total 31 cited witnesses, 23 witnesses have already been examined

and 7 witnesses have been given up by the prosecution and the only one



which remains has been partly examined and his cross-examination is remaining which is fixed for 19.09.2024 for which evenailable warrants have been issued.

4. Learned State counsel has submitted that the trial is at the fag end and therefore, the present petition may be dismissed.

5. After hearing the learned counsel for the parties, this Court is of the considered view that now the trial of the case is at the fag end in view of the report submitted by the learned trial Court and therefore, this Court does not deem it fit and proper to grant bail to the petitioner.

6. Consequently, the present petition is dismissed.

7. However, anything observed hereinabove shall not be treated as an expression of opinion on merits of the case and is meant for the purpose of deciding the present petition only.

13.09.2024

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(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)

JUDGE

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