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

**CRM-M-23302-2024**

**Date of Decision: 01.08.2024**

Lovepreet Singh

...Petitioner

VS.

## State of Punjab

...Respondent

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

Present : Ms. Nandni Sharma, Advocate for  
Mr. Umesh Aggarwal, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr.M.S.Bajwa, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

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**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.79 dated 06.07.2023 registered under Sections 379-B (Section 201 added later on), at Police Station Raja Sansi, Amritsar.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner was neither named in the FIR nor there is any averment, which connects the petitioner with the commission of crime in any manner. She further contends that the petitioner has been arrayed as an accused in the present case only on the basis of the disclosure statement suffered by co-accused, namely, Harmandeep Singh @ Harman, from whom the mobile phone was allegedly recovered. She further contends that apart from the disclosure statement suffered by co-accused, there is no other admissible evidence against the petitioner. The petitioner was arrested in the present case on 15.03.2024 and challan against



him has already been presented before the Court. She further contends that the charge is yet to be framed against the petitioner and the conclusion of the trial may take quite a long time.

3. On the other hand, learned State counsel has vehemently opposed the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner on the ground that serious allegations have been levelled against the petitioner and he does not deserve the concession of bail by this Court.

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

5. The petitioner is in custody for the last more than 4 months and the trial has not even formally commenced against him. Even the petitioner is the first offender and no purpose will be served by keeping him behind bars.

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.

01.08.2024.  
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(N.S.SHEKHAWAT)  
JUDGE

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