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

CRM-M-28729-2024

Date of decision: 09.08.2024

Vishal @ Steam Sahota

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURBIR SINGH

Present: Mr. Ashish Soi, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Ms. Avneet, AAG, Punjab.

GURBIR SINGH, J.

1. This petition has been filed under Section 439 of Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.132, dated 07.09.2022, registered under Sections 307, 336, 160, 120-B IPC, 1860 (Sections 379, 411 of IPC added lateron) and Section 25 of Arms Act, 1959, at Police Station Division No.3, Ludhiana.

2. As per version of the prosecution, the aforesaid FIR was registered on the basis of secret information that on 07.09.2022 at about 1.00 AM, a fight between two rival groups had taken place and the members of both the groups were armed with deadly weapons and attacked each other. Based on that quarrel, present FIR was registered against the petitioner and other co-accused.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present FIR. Petitioner was arrested on 27.03.2024 and since then, he is in custody. He admits to involve in other cases. His co-accused have already been granted bail. No specific role has been attributed to the petitioner. Trial in the case will take long time to conclude. No useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind bars any longer.

4. Learned State counsel has opposed the bail to the petitioner considering the seriousness of allegations. However, she has not disputed the custody of the petitioner.

5. I have heard the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioner, learned State counsel and have gone through the paper book.

6. Considering the fact that petitioner is in custody for the last 4 months and 13 days, completion in trial will take some time, co-accused have already been granted bail, this Court deems it appropriate to release the petitioner on regular bail.

7. Accordingly, without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of concerned learned trial Court/Duty Magistrate. The trial Court may impose any other condition as it deems fit.

8. If any attempt whatsoever is made by the petitioner to contact/threaten/intimidate any member of the complainant's family, the

complainant/State shall be at liberty to move an application for cancellation of bail granted to the petitioner vide this order.

(GURBIR SINGH)
JUDGE

August 09, 2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
Whether reportable: Yes/No