

**110+213 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH**

**Neutral Citation No. 2024:PHHC:026912  
CRM-8695-2024 in/and  
CRM-M-31476-2022  
Date of Decision: February 27, 2024**

**Manjit Singh @ Mintu**

**...Petitioner**

**Versus**

**State of Punjab**

**...Respondent**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK GUPTA**

**Present:-** Mr. Rahul Bhargava, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sahil R. Bakshi, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Keshav Chadha, Advocate for the complainant.

**DEEPAK GUPTA, J.(Oral)**

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This is an application under Section 482 Cr.P.C. to place on record copies of the orders whereby co-accused persons in the FIR had been granted concession of bail as Annexures P-6 to P-9.

Allowed.

Annexures P-6 to P-9 are taken on record.

**Main Case**

By way of present petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C., petitioner prays for his released in a case arising out of FIR No.56 dated 29.03.2019, under Sections 382, 395, 362, 365 of IPC, besides Section 25 of the Arms Act, 1959, registered at Police Station B-Division, Police Commissionerate, Amritsar.

2. FIR was lodged on the complaint of Rakesh Kumar, who is the driver of the truck bearing registration No.PB-11BN-7383. It was alleged that on 13.03.2019, he was carrying bags of sugar from Buttar

Mill and reached his transport at Mahan Singh Gate at 8.30 p.m. After parking the truck, he had slept in the truck. On the intervening night of 13/14.03.2019 at about 1 a.m., some unknown persons opened the window of the truck. One of them was having datar and another was having Khukhari. They started threatening the complainant and put blanket on his face, drove the truck near Jhabhal Road and carried away 34 jute bags of sugar from the truck. Complainant also named those persons as petitioner Manjit Singh @ Mintu besides Hira Singh @ Sonu, Satnam Singh, Rajy, Sunny and Vijay.

3. It is contended by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner has been falsely implicated; that all the other co-accused, who are named in the FIR, have already been allowed bail; that he is in custody for the last more than 02 years and 05 months and that the trial may take time to conclude and so he be allowed bail.

4. Learned State counsel has opposed the bail petition by pointing out towards the gravity of the offence. Custody certificate of the petitioner has also been placed on record in order to point out that petitioner is convict in two cases; that he has been acquitted in 04 cases and that 02 more cases are pending against him.

5. Heard.

6. A perusal of Annexures P-6 to P-9 would reveal that co-accused Hira Singh, Sunny, Satnam Singh and Charanjit Singh, as named in the FIR, have already been allowed bail by the Trial Court concerned.

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7. Custody certificate further reveals that the petitioner is in custody for the last 02 years, 05 months and 22 days. It is also informed by learned State counsel that after filing of the challan, none of the prosecution witness out of 07 witnesses cited by it, has been examined so far. It is thus apparent that the trial is likely to take long time to conclude.

8. In the aforesaid facts and circumstances, the conviction of the petitioner in two other cases should not be a bar in granting him bail, particularly on the basis of parity as his co-accused, having similar role, have already been allowed bail.

9. Having regard to the aforesaid factual position, but without commenting anything on the merits of the case, petitioner is admitted to bail. He is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing requisite bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned Trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned, on usual terms and conditions.

Allowed.

**February 27, 2024**

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**(DEEPAK GUPTA)**

**JUDGE**

Whether reasoned/speaking: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No