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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Date of Decision:- 27.08.2024

Ravinder Singh @ Laddi

...Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:-HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present:- Mr. Harjot Singh Bedi, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

AMARJOT BHATTI, J.

1. Petitioner – Ravinder Singh @ Laddi has filed 1st petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail in FIR No. 264 dated 06.12.2023 under Section 323, 452, 295-A, 297 of Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Kharar, SAS Nagar (Annexure P-1).

2. As per the facts of case, Lakhvir Singh complainant stated that he is rendering service as Pathi in Gurudwara Sahib Shri Ravidas Bhagat Ji in Village Sill for the last about 15 years. On 06.12.2023, as per his daily routine, he was doing path of Shri Guru Granth Sahib Ji, at about 05:15 AM, Ravinder Singh @ Laddi of his village came inside Gurudwara. He firstly paid obeisance and thereafter started taking round and when he came near him, he held his left arm with intention to spoil the decorum of Shri Guru Granth Sahib Ji and started beating him. He dragged him from his leg

and thereafter, he tried to rescue himself. Ravinder Singh @ Laddi

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removed his clothes and was totally naked. Thereafter, he came out of the Gurudwara Sahib. Balhar Singh was standing outside the Gurudwara and inquired about the incident. On this Ravinder Singh @ Laddi ran away from there. Entire incident was captured in CCTV. With these allegations, present FIR has been registered.

3. Learned counsel for petitioner argued that Ravinder Singh @ Laddi was falsely implicated in this case. In-fact, he is not keeping good mental health for the last 2-3 months. Petitioner belongs to Sikh family and there is no question of committing the alleged offence. He is in custody since 06.12.2023. His regular bail application was declined vide order dated 22.03.2024, Annexure P-2. Present petitioner filed regular bail in the Court of Judge, Special Court, SAS Nagar, Mohali, which was again declined vide order dated 08.04.2024, Annexure P-3. Present petitioner will abide by the terms of bail order. It is prayed that his regular bail petition may be allowed.

4. Status report is filed by respondent-State, which is taken on record. As per status report, petitioner is behind the bars since 08.12.2023. Report regarding his medical condition was called for, which is Annexure R-1. As per this report of Medical Officer, District Jail Mansa, petitioner is now calm and conscious and oriented to time, place and person. When he came to District Jail, Mansa, he was on psychiatry medicine as per record from Central Jail, Patiala. He was given medicine on the basis of symptoms on daily basis. It is mentioned that he is improving mentally and physically in health and gets adequate sleep. Learned counsel representing State pointed out that considering the nature of allegations, petitioner is not



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entitled to be released on bail.

5. I have considered the arguments and have gone through the record. Petitioner is behind the bars since 08.12.2023. Trial in this case is likely to take some time. Medical condition of petitioner is also received as Annexure R-1. Petitioner cannot be kept behind the bars for indefinite time period. Therefore, without expressing my mind on the merits of case, regular bail petition filed by the petitioner – Ravinder Singh @ Laddi is allowed. He is ordered to be released on bail to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Judge concerned with the condition that petitioner will furnish sound and local surety.

6. The petition is accordingly, accepted.

7. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, stand disposed of accordingly as well.

27.08.2024

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JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:
Whether reportable:

Yes/No
Yes/No