

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No. 36502 of 2023 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 02.04.2024

Rahul Bisht

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARKESH MANUJA

Present: Mr. Rajesh K. Dadwal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Kewal Singh, Additional Advocate General, Punjab

HARKESH MANUJA, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner, by way of present petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C., seeks grant of regular bail pending trial in case bearing FIR No.17 dated 28.01.2023, under Section 379 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (Sections 411, 473 & 201 of IPC added later on), registered at Police Station Division-8, Ludhiana.

[2] Learned State Counsel vehemently opposes the prayer for grant of regular bail to the petitioner, while referring to the antecedents of the petitioner of having been involved in total eight cases, including the present FIR, besides recovery of car bearing Regn. No. PB10-HC-3792 make Ertiga of white colour.

[3] I have heard learned counsel for the parties and gone through the paper-book.

[4] A perusal of the records shows that the investigation already stands concluded with the filing of challan followed by framing of charges; the petitioner is already behind the bars for the last more than one year and the conclusion of trial may take some time as none of the prosecution witnesses has been examined so far. Moreover, the petitioner is already on bail in seven other cases. Considering the aforesaid facts, I do not find any justification to extend the incarceration of the petitioner.

[5] In view of the above, but without commenting anything on the merits of the case, lest it may prejudice the trial, the present petition is **allowed** and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing adequate bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Trial Court / Illaqa Magistrate / Duty Magistrate concerned.

[6] It is made clear that this order may not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

April 02, 2024
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(HARKESH MANUJA)
JUDGE

<i>Whether Speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>