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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

(225/1)

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Date of Decision:- 01.02.2024

Manpreet Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ALOK JAIN

Present: Mr. F.S. Virk, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Siddharth Attri, AAG, Punjab.

ALOK JAIN, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.116 dated 21.05.2022, under Sections 307, 341, 323, 506, 148 and 149 of the Indian Penal Code and (Sections 148 and 149 IPC were deleted and Section 34 IPC was added later on) registered at Police Station Tripuri, Patiala (Annexure P-1).
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner relies upon Annexures P-9 and P-10 and seeks parity. He further submits that the petitioner is in custody since 31.03.2023.
3. Custody certificate of the petitioner has been filed by the State, which is taken on record, according to which, the petitioner is in custody for 10 months and 6 days.
4. Learned State counsel has vehemently opposed the grant of bail to the petitioner as there are certain other cases against the petitioner.

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5. However, considering the fact that the petitioner is in custody for 10 months and 6 days and the fact that the trial is likely to take long time, therefore, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner in custody, hence, the petitioner is entitled to grant the concession of regular bail.

6. Without commenting upon the merits, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate, concerned. He shall, however, be released on the following conditions:

- i. The petitioner shall declare his ordinary place of residence and the mobile number used by him.
- ii. The petitioner will not switch off his mobile and in case of any technical glitch, he has to give an alternate number, which will be available in his absence.
- iii. The petitioner will mark his presence before the SHO concerned, after every 15 days and in case the SHO refuses to mark his presence, he is permitted to make an application before the Illaqa Magistrate, concerned.
- iv. The petitioner will not leave the country without the prior permission of the Court, for which he will submit the copy of his passport also.

7. The petitioner shall abide by the terms and conditions as imposed in addition to Section 439 of Cr.P.C.

8. It is made clear that, in case, the petitioner is found involved in any such activity once again, the State is at liberty to promptly move an

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appropriate application for cancellation of bail detailing out the circumstances and violation of conditions of bail.

9. However, nothing stated above shall be construed as a final expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

(ALOK JAIN)
JUDGE

February 01, 2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned:-	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:-	Yes/No