



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

CRM-M No.35451 of 2024
Date of decision: 31st July, 2024

Gobind Ram

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Saransh Sabharwal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Gagandeep S. Chhina, Asst. Advocate General, Haryana
for the respondent/State.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner is seeking the concession of bail under Section 439 Cr.P.C. in case FIR No.339 dated 11.09.2019 under Sections 201, 302, 34 of the IPC and Section 25 of the Arms Act, 1959 registered at Police Station Pinjore, District Panchkula.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that even though the petitioner was arrested way back on 30.09.2019 in a case hinging on circumstantial evidence, however, trial had not concluded till now, hence, the petitioner be enlarged on bail keeping in view the long custody period.

3. On the other hand, learned State counsel has vehemently opposed the prayer made by the counsel opposite by submitting, on instructions from ASI Vikramjeet, that the trial is nearing conclusion as only 4 prosecution witnesses remain to be examined. Learned State



counsel has submitted that there are serious allegations levelled against the petitioner, who along with the co-accused first hired a taxi and thereafter, when they tried to loot the taxi driver, a scuffle ensued leading to the taxi driver being inflicted fatal injuries; thereafter, the dead body of the taxi driver was disposed off by all the accused including the petitioner.

4. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the relevant material on record.

5. No doubt, the petitioner has been in custody for a considerable period of time, however, since trial is nearing conclusion, this Court would not be inclined to extend the concession of bail to the petitioner. The petition stands dismissed. However, it is made clear that anything observed hereinabove shall not be construed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

6. At this stage, a prayer has been made by learned counsel for the petitioner that the trial Court may be directed to expedite the trial and conclude it at the earliest.

7. The trial Court shall make earnest efforts to conclude the trial expeditiously, preferably within a period of next four months.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

July 31, 2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No