

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

217 CRM-M-41346-2023
Date of Decision.:25.01.2024

Gurlal Singh @ LalPetitioner
Vs.
State of PunjabRespondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK GUPTA

Present:- Mr. Naveen Bawa, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Karunesh Kaushal, AAG, Punjab
assisted by ASI Ratan Singh.

DEEPAK GUPTA, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail by way of petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C in case FIR No.48 dated 15.03.2023 registered under Section 379-B of the IPC registered at Police Station Ajnala, District Amritsar.

2. As per allegations, on 15.03.2023 complainant Amarjit Kaur was going to saloon, when at about 09:30 a.m. a person snatched her mobile phone make Redmi and fled away. She along with public persons chased the snatcher who was apprehended and disclosed his name as Gurlal Singh i.e. present petitioner. Petitioner was arrested and snatched mobile was recovered from him. FIR was registered.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that petitioner is in custody for the last more than 10 months; that trial may take time to

conclude and so, he be allowed bail.

4. Although status report has not been filed but learned State counsel opposed the petition by pointing out towards the nature of crime. The custody certificate placed on record by learned State counsel reveals that petitioner is in custody for the last 10 months and 14 days, though he is involved in one more case pertaining to Sections 379 & 411 of the IPC. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Ratan Singh, informs that out of 11 witnesses cited by the prosecution, only 02 have been examined so far and complainant of the case namely Amarjit Kaur had already been examined.

5. Having regard to the above facts and circumstances, but without commenting anything further on the merits of the case, this petition is allowed and petitioner is admitted to bail on his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Learned Trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned, on usual terms and conditions.

(DEEPAK GUPTA)
JUDGE

January 25, 2024
Neetika Tuteja

Whether Speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No