

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

CRM-M-40754-2024

Date of Decision: 28.08.2024

Manpreet Singh @ Mani

...Petitioner

VS.

State of Punjab

...Respondent

Coram : Hon'ble Mr. Justice N.S.Shekhawat

Present : Mr. Anil Kumar Garg, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr.M.S.Bajwa, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

N.S.Shekhawat J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner has filed the present petition under Section 439 Cr.PC with a prayer to grant regular bail to him in case FIR No. 51 dated 19.03.2024, registered under Sections 341 and 379-B of IPC, at Police Station Sadar Khanna, Police District Khanna, District Ludhiana, in which challan has been filed under Sections 341, 379-B, 379-B(2), 411 of IPC.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was not named in the FIR nor he was involved in the occurrence. He further contends that even during the course of investigation, no incriminating evidence could be collected against the present petitioner. The petitioner was arrested in the present case on 19.03.2024 and is in custody for the last more than 04 months. He further contends that the petitioner was not involved in any other crime. Learned counsel further contends that similarly placed co-accused, namely, Jaspal Singh @ Jassa has already been granted the concession of



regular bail passed by this Court in CRM-M-37447-2024 dated 08.08.2024 (Annexure P-2).

3. On the other hand, learned State counsel has vehemently opposed the prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioner on the ground that serious allegations have been levelled against the present petitioner and he does not deserve the concession of bail.

4. I have heard the learned counsel for the parties and perused the record carefully.

5. The petitioner is in custody for the last more than 04 months and is a first offender. Even, the charge has not been framed against the present petitioner and the conclusion of the trial may take quite a long time. Apart from that, similarly placed co-accused has already been granted the concession of regular bail passed by this Court, vide order dated 08.08.2024 (Annexure P-2).

6. Without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on bail pending trial on his furnishing bail bonds and surety to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court/ Duty Magistrate/Chief Judicial Magistrate.

28.08.2024.
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(N.S.SHEKHAWAT)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No