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230 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-42050-2024
Date of decision: 08.11.2024

Mithu SinghPetitioner

Versus

State of PunjabRespondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE **AMARJOT BHATTI**

Present: Ms. Roja Agnihotri, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Senior DAG, Punjab.

AMARJOT BHATTI, J.

Petitioner has filed the present petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail in FIR No.22, dated 18.02.2024, under Sections 457, 380, 427 and 295-A IPC, registered at Police Station Lehra District Sangrur.

2. As per facts of the case, Surjit Singh gave a statement that previous night he slept in his room next to Pothi Sahib room. In the mid night 12.30 a.m. and 1.30 a.m., he heard some noise but he assumed that it must be some cat or other animal. At about 3.45 a.m., he woke up and while coming out of the room, he noticed that glass of main door of the tila/dera was broken and steps of the entrance gate were also damaged. He checked Pothi Sahib room and found that one part of Shri Guru Granth Sahib, second Sanchi Sahib and four Gutka Sahibs were missing. He informed the respectables who came on the spot. On inquiry, he suspected Mithu Singh for the said act. Said Mithu Singh is disabled and was addicted to drugs. With these allegations, present FIR was registered.



3. Learned counsel for the petitioner argued that Mithu Singh is behind the bars since 18.02.2024. He is falsely implicated in this case. He has already joined the investigation and will abide by the terms of bail order. It is prayed that his regular bail may be allowed.

4. Learned counsel representing State filed status report, taking the stand that petitioner-Mithu Singh was nominated on the statement of Surjit Singh during investigation. Second part of Shri Guru Granth Sahib and four Gutka Sahibs were recovered from his possession. There are specific serious allegations against him. Therefore, he is not entitled to be released on bail.

5. I have considered the arguments and have gone through the record. In the case in hand, after completion of investigation, challan has been prepared against the present petitioner. It is informed by learned counsel representing State that the challan was presented on 04.11.2024 and the trial in this case is yet to start. Present petitioner cannot be kept behind the bars for indefinite time period. Trial in this case may take sufficient time.

6. Therefore, without expressing my mind on the merits of the case, regular bail petition filed by the petitioner – Mithu Singh is allowed. He is ordered to be released on bail on furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Judge concerned.

7. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, stand disposed of accordingly as well.

(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE

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- 1. Whether speaking/ reasoned : Yes /No
- 2. Whether reportable : Yes /No