



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-53437-2024(O&M)

Date of Decision: 04.11.2024

VINOD KUMAR @ SONI

....Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

....Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present : Mr. Rajesh Duhan, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Amandeep Singh Samra, AAG, Punjab.

MANISHA BATRA, J. (Oral)

1. This is a petition under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of regular bail as filed by the petitioner in FIR No.66 dated 11.05.2024 under Sections 379-B, 411 & 34 of IPC registered at Police Station City Sunam, District Sangrur on the basis of statement recorded by the complainant-Yadwinder Singh alleging therein that on 11.05.2024, he had gone to attend some rally of Shiromani Akali Dal. At about 1.00 PM after leaving the rally, he stopped at a cart to have cold drink and when he took out his wallet from the right side pocket of his kurta, suddenly two unknown youths who were standing there, snatched his wallet promptly and while pushing him, fled away. His wallet was containing cash amount of Rs.1200/-. He disclosed that he had made search for snatchers and had come to know their names and particulars which he disclosed as Ankush Kumar alias Ashu and Vinod



Kumar @ Soni i.e. the present petitioner. The petitioner was arrested subsequently. Investigation has since been completed.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner has argued that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case. There is delay in lodging of FIR. The trial is likely to take time. No useful purpose would be served by detaining him in custody any more. Hence, it is urged that the petitioner deserves to be extended benefit of bail.

3. Learned State counsel who has advance notice of the petition submits that he is ready to argue the matter. It is urged by him that keeping in view the severity of the allegations levelled against the petitioner and further in view of the fact that he has criminal antecedents as he is involved in three more cases of similar nature, he has stressed that the petition does not deserve to be allowed.

4. I have heard both counsel for the parties and have gone through the record.

5. The petitioner along with co-accused is alleged to have snatched a wallet containing cash of Rs.1200/- from the complainant on 11.05.2024 and is further alleged to have escaped with the same. Investigation has since been completed. Challan stands presented and even charges have been framed against the petitioner. The trial is likely to take time. His further detention would not serve any purpose. It is well settled proposition of law that bail is the rule and jail is an exception.

Keeping in view the discussion as made above, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be admitted to bail subject to his furnishing



bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Trial Court/Additional Sessions Judge (Duty) concerned.

6. It is also made clear that any observation made herein shall not be treated as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

7. Pending application, if any, also stands disposed of.

04.11.2024
Deepak Patwal

(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE

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