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

CRM-M-52143-2024(O&M)

Date of Decision: 18.12.2024

Amandeep Singh @ Aman

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present: Mr. Manu Loona, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. B.S. Bali, Additional Advocate General, Punjab.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (Oral)

1. The present is a third petition filed under Section 483 of Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for the grant of regular bail to the petitioner in FIR No.67 dated 10.05.2022, under Section 304 IPC (Sections 184, 187, 192A and 196 MV Act added later on), registered at Police Station City Jalalabad, District Fazilka.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the allegations against the petitioner were that he was driving a bus in a rash and negligent manner and caused an accident in which four persons were killed. He submitted that earlier his bail petition was dismissed on merits on 12.12.2023 but one year has elapsed thereafter and now his custody has come out to be 1 year, 10 months and 26 days and 12 out of 39 cited witnesses have been examined and submitted that considering the custody of the petitioner, he may be considered for the grant of regular bail.



3. On the other hand, Mr. B.S. Bali, Additional Advocate General, Punjab has submitted that the allegations against the petitioner were serious because he drove the vehicle in a negligent manner and killed four persons/children. So far as the custody of the petitioner is concerned, he submitted that the same is correct and he has also filed a custody certificate in the Court today which is taken on record. He submitted that the petitioner is involved in one more case under Sections 304-A/279/337/427 IPC.

4. I have heard the learned counsels for the parties.

5. Although the allegations against the petitioner were serious with regard to causing death of four persons/children by negligence but considering the aforesaid long custody of the petitioner which is 1 year, 10 months and 26 days and as per the learned counsel for the parties, 12 out of 39 witnesses have already been examined, this Court deems it fit and proper to grant regular bail to the petitioner.

6. Consequently, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner shall be released on regular bail subject to furnishing bail bonds/surety to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned, if not required in any other case.

7. However, anything observed hereinabove shall not be treated as an expression of opinion on merits of the case and is meant for the purpose of deciding the present petition only.

18.12.2024

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(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)

JUDGE

Whether speaking

: Yes/No

Whether reportable

: Yes/No