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Date of Decision: 10.12.2024

....Petitioner

STATE OF PUNJAB

....Respondent

Mr. Amandeep Singh Samra, AAG, Punjab.

2. It is argued by learned counsel for the petitioner that the co-accused Satnam Singh @ Sonu whose case is on similar footing has since been extended benefit of bail. Investigation has been completed. Trial is likely to take time. On parity, he deserves to be released on bail. Therefore, it is urged that petition deserves to be allowed.

3 Status report has been filed by respondent-State. Learned State



counsel has argued that keeping in view the gravity of allegations as levelled, petition does not deserves to be allowed.

4. I have heard learned counsel for the parties at considerable length and have gone through the record carefully.

5. The co-accused Satnam Singh @ Sonu whose case is on similar footing has been extended benefit of bail vide order dated 22.08.2024 passed in CRM-M-30532-2024. On the ground of parity as well as keeping in view the fact that the petitioner is in custody for a period of more than 11 months, this Court considers it to be proper to extend benefit of bail to the petitioner. Accordingly, the petition is allowed and he is ordered to be admitted to bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned Trial Court.

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.

10.12.2024

Deepak Patwal

(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE

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