



**In the High Court for the States of Punjab and Haryana
at Chandigarh**

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CRM-M-22315-2025 (O&M)
Date of Decision:- 27.10.2025

Money @ Mani Kumar ... Petitioner
Versus
State of Punjab ... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUBHAS MEHLA

Present:- Mr. Ajay Kamboj, Advocate and
Ms. Kiranpreet Kaur, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Kumar, DAG, Punjab.

SUBHAS MEHLA, J. (Oral)

1. By way of the present petition, the petitioner is seeking regular bail in case FIR No.0141 dated 17.07.2020 registered under Sections 364/34 of Indian Penal Code, 1860 wherein offence under section 302 of IPC was added subsequently, at Police Station Mohkampura, District Amritsar.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contended that the petitioner is in custody since the date of his arrest i.e. 17.07.2020 and has undergone 5 years, 3 months and 4 days and is not involved in any other criminal activity. The petitioner deserves to be granted bail.
3. Custody certificate of the petitioner filed by learned State counsel in Court along with status report by way of an affidavit of Inspector Harparkash Singh, SHO, PS Mohkampura, Amritsar and the same are taken on record.



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4. Learned State counsel opposes the prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioner and submits that out of 23 PWs, 14 witnesses have been examined and 3 PWs have been given up and only 6 PWs remain to be examined. Learned State counsel further submits that there is clinching evidence against the present petitioner regarding his complicity in the commission of offence.

5. Having heard learned counsel for the petitioner as well as learned State counsel, as the petitioner is in custody for the last more than 5 years, the instant petition stands disposed off with a direction to the Trial Court to conclude the trial within a period of 6 months from the next date of hearing fixed before it. In case, the trial Court fails to conclude the trial within the stipulated period, then the petitioner would be at liberty to move an appropriate application seeking grant of bail before the Trial Court. Upon such application being filed, the Trial Court shall release the petitioner on bail subject to his furnishing requisite bonds to its satisfaction by imposing such condition(s) as deems fit, so that his presence can be secured during the trial. It is made clear that if the delay in the trial is caused on the part of the petitioner/accused, then he shall not be entitled for the aforesaid relief.

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(SUBHAS MEHLA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking /reasoned	Yes / No
Whether Reportable	Yes / No