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

CRM-M-16888-2024

Date of decision: 09.07.2025

Surinder Singh

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.... Respondent

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CRM-M-12429-2024

Rekha Rani

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Viren Sibal, Legal Aid Counsel for the petitioner in
CRM-M-16888-2024.

Mr. Tanvir Singh Attariwala, Advocate, for the petitioner in
CRM-M-12429-2024.

Mr. Amit Rana, Senior DAG, Punjab.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioners, in the present petitions, are seeking regular bail, under Section 439 of Cr.P.C., in case FIR No.148, dated 06.06.2020, under Sections 302, 34 of IPC, registered at Police Station City Malout, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

2. Since these petitions have arisen out of the same FIR, they are being taken up together for disposal by this common order.

3. Learned State counsel, at the outset, on instructions from SI Mohinder Singh, has submitted that the trial is nearing conclusion with only 01 prosecution witness remains to be examined.

4. Learned counsels for the petitioner(s) have, however, submitted that the case at hand rests on circumstantial evidence and the evidence recorded during trial clearly reveals many discrepancies, contradictions and gaping holes in the case of the prosecution, which clearly points to the innocence of the petitioners. However, learned counsels have not been able to dispute the stage of trial.

5. In view of the advance stage of trial, this Court does not deem it fit to extend the concession of bail to the petitioners.

6. Present petitions stand dismissed accordingly.

7. At this stage, a prayer has been made for issuance of direction to the Trial Court to conclude the trial expeditiously since the petitioners have been in custody for more than 05 years having been arrested in 2020.

8. The Trial Court is directed to make earnest efforts to conclude the trial expeditiously preferably within the next 03 months.

9. It goes without saying that both prosecution as well as defence shall extend full cooperation in the expeditious conclusion of the trial.

10. It is made clear that anything observed hereinabove shall not be construed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

**(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE**

July 09, 2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No