

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

**Criminal Misc. No. M-20355 of 2015
Date of Decision:-30.6.2015**

Pankaj

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA

1. *Whether reporters of local newspapers may be allowed to see judgment?*
2. *To be referred to reporters or not?*
3. *Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?*

Present:- Mr. Saurabh Dalal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Kapil Aggarwal, Additional A.G., Haryana.

HARI PAL VERMA J.(Oral)

Prayer in this petition is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.68 dated 18.3.2014, under Sections 398/401 IPC and under Section 25/54/59 of the Arms Act, registered at Police Station Urban Estate, Rohtak.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is in custody since 18.3.2014 and the case is fixed for recording of prosecution evidence. He further submits that the co-accused of the petitioner, namely, Vikas @ Vicky and Mahesh @ Monti have already been granted bail by this Court in CRM-M No.16620 of 2014 titled 'Vikas

@ Vicky vs. State of Haryana' on 22.8.2014 and in CRM-M No.29644 of 2011 titled ' Mahesh @ Monti vs. State of Haryana' on 09.12.2014. He further submits that the recovery of countrymade pistol was effected from the petitioner, whereas from Vikas @ Vicky, co-accused of the petitioner, a licenced revolver was recovered and he has been bailed out by this Court on 22.8.2014. He also submits that the petitioner is ready to face the trial in accordance with law.

Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Rajpal has not disputed the factual assertions made by learned counsel for the petitioner.

Considering the fact that the petitioner is in judicial custody since 18.3.2014 and the prosecution evidence is yet to start and the petitioner is further not required for the purpose of investigation and the trial of the case is likely to take a long time, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind the bars. Accordingly, the present petition is accepted and the petitioner is admitted to regular bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, Rohtak.

The petition is disposed of.

June 30, 2015
Vijay Asija

(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE