

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

CRM-M-4560-2020 (O&M)

Date of Decision:04.08.2020

Balan Raj Gopal

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA

Present:- Mr. Vikram Rana, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Saurabh Mohunta, DAG, Haryana.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA J.(Oral)

This case has been taken up through Video Conferencing via Webex facility in the light of Pandemic Covid-19 situation and as per instructions.

Petitioner seeks benefit of regular bail in FIR No.0325 dated 27.09.2019 under Section 379 IPC, registered at Police Station PGIMS Rohtak.

Counsel for the parties have been heard.

Petitioner has faced incarceration since 29.09.2019 on the allegations that he alongwith other co-accused stole a bag containing Rs.08,18,000/- approximately in cash as also a mobile phone and laptop.

Petitioner stands implicated on the strength of his own disclosure statement, having been arrested in another FIR bearing No.459 dated 03.10.2018 under Section 379 IPC, registered at Police Station Chandani Bagh, Panipat.

The evidential value of the disclosure statement allegedly

suffered by the petitioner would be a moot aspect to be considered by the Trial court.

Investigation in the case is complete and the challan already stands presented.

Learned state Counsel informs the Court that out of 14 prosecution witnesses cited none has been examined till date.

Trial is still at the initial stage and would take time to conclude and particularly in view of the current Covid-19 situation.

In view of the above and coupled with the custody period already suffered, petitioner is held entitled to the benefit of bail.

Petitioner be enlarged on bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Trial Court/Duty Magistrate, Rohtak.

Disposed of.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

August 04, 2020

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No