

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

(Heard through VC)

CRM-M-5012 of 2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision: June 16, 2020

Dinesh Kumar

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Anurag Chopra, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Gaurav Dhuriwala, Sr.DAG Punjab.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (Oral)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.294 dated 26.12.2019, under Sections 52-A and 42-A of Jail Prison Act, Sections 168, 120-B of Indian Penal Code and Sections 7, 8, 13(1)(B) of Prevention of Corruption Act, registered at Police Station Tripri, District Patiala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner was taken into custody in the present case on 26.12.2019. It is argued that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. It is also contended that investigation is complete, as the challan has already been presented and conclusion of trial will take sufficient time, therefore, the

petitioner is entitled to be enlarged on bail.

Per contra, learned counsel appearing on behalf of respondent-State, on instructions from the Investigating Officer, opposes the grant of regular bail to the petitioner, however, does not dispute the fact that investigation is complete, as the challan has been presented.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Since, the trial is likely to take sufficient time and in view of the facts that the petitioner has been in custody since 26.12.2019 and that investigation is complete, as the challan has already been presented, no useful purpose would be served in keeping the petitioner behind bars. At this stage, without commenting on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail on execution of adequate personal bond and surety bond to the satisfaction of concerned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

However, anything observed or said by this court is only for the purpose of deciding the instant petition for grant of regular bail and the same shall have no affect on the merits of the case.

June 16, 2020

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**(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No