

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-6565-2020 (O&M)

Date of decision: 22.05.2020

Baldev Singh

....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Girish Agnihotri

Present: Mrs. Anupam Bhanot, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ajay Pal Singh Gill, Deputy AG, Punjab.

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

The matter has been taken up through video-conferencing on account of lockdown due to outbreak of pandemic COVID-19.

Petitioner-Baldev Singh has filed the present petition *inter alia* with a prayer to grant him regular bail in case FIR No.175 dated 25.07.2019 (Annexure P-1) under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471 & 120-B of Indian Penal Code, registered at Police Station Beas, Amritsar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner based on the pleadings, submits that four persons i.e. Kulbir Singh, Mohd. Mohsin, Amreen Khan w/o Mohd. Mohsin and Shekhar Sharma are named in the FIR, but, the petitioner is not named in the FIR. Secondly, she submits that Mohd. Mohsin has been granted interim bail by this Court vide order dated 13.03.2020, passed in CRM-8111-2020 in CRM-M-2375-2020.

Learned State counsel however submits that the allegations are that Rs.1,70,000/- was deposited in account of the petitioner, Rs.16,00,000/- in account of Shekhar Sharma and Rs.9,00,000/- in account of Mohd. Mohsin.

However learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the parties have already entered into a compromise and the matter is likely to be settled if not already settled in view of the compromise. She submits that the petitioner is in custody since 03.07.2019. She further submits that in an another FIR, petitioner has already been released on bail. It is then submitted that challan has already been presented and the charges are yet to be framed.

In view of the peculiar facts and circumstances and the present COVID-19 situation, this Court deems it appropriate to release the petitioner on regular bail to the satisfaction of Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned, subject to his furnishing bank guarantee/security of Rs.2,00,000/-. However, it is made clear that anything observed herein shall not be construed as an expression on merits of the case.

The petition stands disposed of accordingly.

(GIRISH AGNIHOTRI)
JUDGE

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