

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

CRM-M-6650 of 2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 27.05.2020

MangiPetitioner

Versus

State of HaryanaRespondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE LALIT BATRA

Present: Mr. L.S. Mann, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Anant Kataria, DAG, Haryana.

Lalit Batra, J.(Oral)

Case has been taken up for hearing through Video Conferencing.

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Present application is for preponement of the case.

In view of grounds mentioned in the application, the same is allowed.

Case is taken up for hearing for today itself.

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Present petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C is for grant of regular bail to petitioner-**Mangi** in case F.I.R. No.602 dated 27.12.2019 under Section 379-B IPC, registered at Police Station Sector-5, Panchkula, District Panchkula.

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Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that petitioner has no nexus whatsoever with the alleged offence. He further submits that petitioner is in custody since 28.12.2019 and he is no more required by the Police for any investigation purpose. He further submits that after completion of investigation, challan has been presented in the Court. He further urges that since trial of the case would take sufficient time to conclude, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner in custody further and he may be released on bail.

On the other hand, learned State counsel while opposing instant petition has vehemently argued that keeping in view seriousness of offence, petitioner does not deserve the concession of bail.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

At this stage, without commenting anything on the merits of the case lest it may prejudice the outcome of the trial but taking into consideration the fact that petitioner is in custody since 28.12.2019; that petitioner is no more required by the Investigating Agency for investigation purpose; that challan has already been presented in Court and since consequent trial of the case would take sufficient time to conclude, no useful purpose would be served by detaining the petitioner in custody further, thus, he deserves the concession of bail.

In view of above, instant petition for grant of regular bail moved by petitioner-**Mangi** is allowed and he is ordered to be released

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on bail on his furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of Trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, Panchkula, as the case may be. However, petitioner has been given liberty to defer the furnishing of surety bond due to COVID-19 and he is directed to furnish the surety bond to the satisfaction of Trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, Panchkula, as the case may be, on culmination of nationwide lockdown due to COVID-19.

(LALIT BATRA)
JUDGE

27.05.2020

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes
Whether reportable : No