

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

**CRM-M No.9495 of 2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision.22.07.2020
(Heard through VC)**

Gurmeet Singh

...Petitioner

Vs

The State of Haryana

...Respondent

CORAM:HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present: Mr. Govind Chauhan, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Dimple Jain, AAG, Haryana.

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JAISHREE THAKUR J. (ORAL)

CRM No.16020 of 2020

Prayer in the application is for preponment of the bail application, which is now listed for 14.08.2020.

With the consent of both the parties, the application is allowed and hearing of the main petition is preponed for today itself.

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This is a petition that has been filed for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.497 dated 17.06.2019 under Sections 406 and 420 IPC registered at Police Station Civil Lines (Karnal).

Counsel for the petitioner herein would contend that there is no role attributed to the petitioner regarding offence of cheating. The petitioner is the original owner of the car, which was subsequently sold to another person, who in turn sold the same to the complainant. He further contends that the petitioner is in custody since 24.11.2019. The investigation is complete and the challan has already been presented,

therefore, the petitioner is entitled to concession of bail.

Learned counsel appearing for the respondent-State opposes the regular bail while contending that no ground is made out for granting concession of regular bail.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Keeping in view the fact that the investigation is complete and the challan has already been presented, coupled with the fact that the trial is likely to take some time to conclude as due to COVID-19 situation, Courts are not working at their full strength and not taking up regular hearing matters, no useful purpose would be served in keeping the petitioner behind the bars. The instant petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail on execution of adequate personal/ surety bond to the satisfaction of concerned trial Court/Duty Magistrate. However, any observation made herein shall not be construed to be an expression on merits of the case.

(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

July 22, 2020
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Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No

Whether reportable Yes/No