

**103 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH.**

CRM-M-11150-2020

Date of Decision: 02.06.2020.

Pradman Singh alias Daman

....Petitioner.

Versus

State of Haryana

....Respondent.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE LALIT BATRA

Present: Mr. D.S. Virk, Advocate for petitioner.

Lalit Batra, J.(Oral)

Case has been taken up for hearing through Video Conferencing.

Present petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C is for grant of regular bail to petitioner-**Pradman Singh alias Daman** in case F.I.R. No.364 dated 01.12.2019 under Section 22 of N.D.P.S. Act, registered at Police Station Dabwali, District Sirsa.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Saurabh Mohunta, Deputy Advocate General, Haryana, accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State. Complete copy of paper book has been supplied to learned State counsel.

Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that petitioner has no nexus whatsoever with the alleged offence. He further submits that petitioner is in custody since 01.12.2019 and he is no more required by the Police for any investigation purpose. He further submits that challan has already been presented in Court. He further urges that since

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 01.12.2019; 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-**Pradman Singh alias Daman** is allowed and he is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of Trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, Sirsa, 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, Sirsa, as the case may be, on culmination of nationwide lockdown due to COVID-19.

(LALIT BATRA)
JUDGE

02.06.2020

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