

HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-12117-2020 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 23.07.2020

Satpal

... Petitioner

VS.

State of Haryana

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE GIRISH AGNIHOTRI

Present: Mr. Shalender Mohan, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr. Gurbir Singh Dhillon, AAG Haryana

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

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

The petitioner Satpal stated to be aged 56 years, has filed the present petition *inter alia* with a prayer for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.39 dated 26.01.2016 under Sections 420/467/406/468/471/120-B IPC and Sections 7/13/49/88 of Prevention of Corruption Act registered at PS City Jind.

Learned counsel at the outset submits that the co-accused have already been granted the concession of anticipatory bail by this Court vide order dated 24.02.2020 passed in a bunch of petitions including in **CRM-M-31976-2019 (Sahil Puri vs. State of Haryana)**. Counsel submits that the petitioner has been falsely involved in the present FIR on the ground of disclosure statement. Counsel thus seeks parity as all other co-accused have been granted bail.

Notice of motion.

On the asking, Mr. Gurbir Singh Dhillon, AAG Haryana accepts notice on behalf of the respondent through video conferencing.

Counsel for the petitioner then submits that due to COVID situation retention of the petitioner in jail is dangerous to his life and otherwise also the trial is likely to take some time.

In view of the detailed reasons assigned by this Court in **Sahil Puri's** case (supra), this Court deems it appropriate to release the petitioner on regular bail subject to his furnishing adequate bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Duty Magistrate/trial court concerned.

However, it is made clear that anything observed herein shall not be construed to be an expression on merits of the case.

Disposed of.

23.07.2020

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1. *Whether speaking/reasoned?*
2. *Whether reportable?*

(Girish Agnihotri)
Judge

Yes/No
Yes/No