

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

**CRM-M-12125 of 2020
Date of Decision: 23.07.2020**

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..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMOL RATTAN SINGH

Present: Mr. Munish Puri, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. V.G. Jauhar, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

AMOL RATTAN SINGH, J. (ORAL)

All cases listed today have been taken up for hearing by way of video conferencing because of the situation existing due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

By this petition, the petitioner seeks the concession of 'regular bail', upon FIR no.104, dated 06.12.2013, having been registered against him, alleging therein the commission of offences punishable under Sections 457 and 380 of the IPC.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that though, undoubtedly, the petitioner had been declared to be a proclaimed offender/proclaimed person earlier, that was on account of a misunderstanding (as contended) and that he himself surrendered before the trial court in February 2020, after which, due to the current pandemic, the trial is not progressing.

Mr. Jauhar, learned Sr. DAG, Punjab, on the other hand submits that there being other cases also registered against the petitioner, he does not deserve the concession of bail, though he very fairly does not deny that the trial is not really progressing due to the current pandemic.

That being so and with the petitioner having himself surrendered earlier, without making any comment on the actual merits of the case, the petition is allowed, with the petitioner ordered to be admitted to bail to the satisfaction of the trial court/CJM/Duty Magistrate concerned.

July 23, 2020
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(AMOL RATTAN SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes
Whether Reportable	No