

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

CRM-M-12325 of 2020

Date of Decision: 14.05.2020.

Sukhdev Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE LALIT BATRA

Present: Mr. Vijay Pal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. H.S. Sullar, DAG, Punjab.

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-**Sukhdev Singh** in case F.I.R. No.05 dated 08.01.2018 under Sections 148, 323, 324, 427 and 452 IPC read with Section 149 IPC (Sections 325 & 326 added lateron) registered at Police Station Guru Harsahai, District Ferozepur.

Notice of motion.

At the asking of Court, Mr. H.S. Sullar, DAG, Punjab, 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 03.03.2020 and he is no more required by the Police for any investigation purpose. He further urges that challan has already been presented in the Court and 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 03.03.2020; that petitioner is no more required by the Investigating Agency for investigation purpose; that challan has already been presented 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-**Sukhdev Singh** is allowed and he is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing personal/surety bonds to the

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satisfaction of Area Magistrate/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, Ferozepur, 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 Area Magistrate/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, Ferozepur, as the case may be, on culmination of nationwide lockdown due to COVID-19.

(LALIT BATRA)
JUDGE

14.05.2020
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No