

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-12861-2020

Date of decision: 12.06.2020

Gurpiar Singh

....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Girish Agnihotri

Present: Mr. A.P. Kaushal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Rashmi Attri, AAG, Punjab.

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

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

Petitioner-Gurpiar Singh, has filed the present petition *inter alia* praying for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.17 dated 01.02.2020 under Section 379-B of IPC, registered at Police Station City Bhudlada, District Mansa.

Learned counsel for the petitioner based on pleadings submits that there is a delay of four months in lodging of the FIR. Learned counsel then submits that the co-accused have already been granted the benefit of anticipatory bail on 19.02.2020. He however submits that the petitioner was arrested on 01.02.2020. He then submits that due to the present COVID-19 situation, retention of the petitioner in jail is dangerous to his life.

In view of the peculiar facts as noticed above, considering the existing situation due to COVID and the fact that trial is likely to take time, this Court deems it appropriate to release the petitioner on regular bail to the satisfaction of Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned, subject to his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds. However, it is made clear that anything observed herein shall not be construed as an expression on merits of the case.

The petition stands disposed of accordingly.

(GIRISH AGNIHOTRI)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/ reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:

Yes/No