

Jitender

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Haryana

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. S.S. Verma, Advocate
for the petitioner

Mr. Vikrant Pamboo, DAG Haryana

Sudhir Mittal, J. (Oral)**Crl. Misc. No. M-12682 of 2020**

The petitioner seeks grant of regular bail in case FIR No. 1115 dated 30.11.2017 registered under Sections 306, 201 IPC at Police Station Chandnibagh, District Panipat.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been in custody since 03.12.2017 and the trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date on account of ongoing COVID-pandemic, even though 11 PWs out of a total of 13 PWs stand examined. The petitioner is prepared to furnish local surety to secure his release, thus, he may be granted regular bail.

Learned State counsel opposes the prayer for bail on the ground that the trial is nearing completion and the next date of hearing before the Court below is 27.08.2020. It is, however, admitted that the petitioner has been in custody since 03.12.2017.

Thus, it is obvious that the petitioner has been in custody for more than 2 ½ years. Although 11 PWs out of a total of 13 PWs stand examined and next date of hearing is 27.08.2020, the same may be adjourned on account of

ongoing COVID-pandemic. Thus, the trial is not likely to be concluded early. Keeping in view the period of custody undergone by the petitioner as well as the fact that the trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date, I deem it appropriate to grant regular bail to the petitioner.

Accordingly, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail and local surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

CRM No. 10883 of 2020

To be listed on 27.08.2020 for payment of court fee.

July 06, 2020

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[SUDHIR MITTAL]
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No