

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM No.M-12881 of 2020
Date of Decision: 15.06.2020

Chamanpreet Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJIV NARAIN RAINA

Present: Mr. Kanwalvir Singh Kang, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Vermani, Addl. AG, Punjab.

RAJIV NARAIN RAINA, J.

1. The matter is taken up for hearing through video conference/WhatsApp [due to the pandemic COVID-19].
2. The instant petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.0009 dated 28.01.2020 under Sections 386/387/506/34 of IPC registered at Police Station Sanaur, District Patiala.
3. Custody certificate produced and the same is taken on record.
4. The previous order has been complied with by Mr. Kang and documents are taken on record.
5. The story in the FIR is that on 7.12.2019 the complainant received the alleged letter vide which some unknown persons sought

ransom for Rs.50 lac asking him to pay the same at Gurdwara Shaheed Signhan, situated on Chappar – Ghanaur Road. He did not pay any attention to said letter. Then on 12.01.2020 the complainant received a phone call. The caller said that you have not served our purpose, hence now, you just wait for dire consequences. Then the complainant disclosed the matter to Mohinder Singh and they verified the matter on their own level. The complainant said that the alleged letter is got typed by Gurdev Singh and his associate namely Chamanpreet Singh (the present petitioner).

6. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. He further submits that the FIR has been registered without any inquiry and merely on bald allegations of the complainant. He submits that the petitioner has never even met the complainant and does not know him at all. There is nothing to be recovered from the petitioner. The trial is likely to take some time to conclude and therefore, the petitioner is entitled to be enlarged on bail.

7. Per contra, Mr. Sandeep Vermani, Addl. AG, Punjab, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respondent-State opposes the grant of regular bail to the petitioner.

8. I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

9. The trial will take some time. Challan has been presented. As per custody certificate dated 15.06.2020 submitted by learned State counsel, the petitioner is in custody since 02.02.2020. No useful purpose will be served in keeping the petitioner in jail pending trial. At this stage, without going into merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail pending trial on

execution of adequate personal bond and surety bond to the satisfaction of concerned trial Court/Duty Magistrate. However, any observation made by this Court shall not be construed to be an expression on the merit of the case.

15.06.2020
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(RAJIV NARAIN RAINA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No