

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-13249-2020 (O&M)

Date of decision: 12.06.2020

Ashwani Kumar

....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Girish Agnihotri

Present: Mr. Narinder S. Lucky, 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.

CRM-13356-2020

This application has been filed by the petitioner for placing on record order dated 20.03.2020 (Annexure P-3).

Application is allowed,

Document at Annexure P-3 is taken on record.

Main case

Petitioner-Ashwani Kumar has filed the present petition *inter alia* with a prayer for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.08 dated 15.01.2020 under Sections 420, 489-A, 489-B & 489-C of Indian Penal Code, registered at Police Station Bhogpur, Jalandhar Rural.

Learned counsel based on the pleadings in the petition, submits that in fact, the petitioner has been arrested on 15.01.2020 and he has been falsely implicated in this case.

On 09.06.2020, this Court had passed the following order:-

“The matter has been taken up for hearing through video conferencing due to outbreak of COVID-19.

Learned counsel for the petitioner is directed to place on record the order dated 20.03.2020 whereby the co-accused Gaurav was admitted on bail by the learned Sessions Court for having found in possession of counterfeit currency worth Rs.16,800/-.

Adjourned to 12.06.2020.”

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 and P-3, this Court deems it appropriate to direct release of 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