

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-13284-2020

Date of decision: 10.06.2020

Kanwarpal Singh

....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Girish Agnihotri

Present: Mr. Daljeet Singh Virk, 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-Kanwarpal Singh has filed the present petition *inter alia* with a prayer for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.64 dated 13.04.2020 (Annexure P-1), under Sections 307, 353, 186, 323, 188 & 34 of Indian Penal Code, registered at Police Station City Kotkapura, District Faridkot.

Learned counsel for the petitioner based on pleadings in the petition, submits that the petitioner was arrested on 14.04.2020. It is submitted that the petitioner and co-accused/Satpal are government employees in the Railway Department. It is submitted that the petitioner has never been earlier involved in any case. He submits that no injury was

caused even as per the allegations in the FIR. He also submits that it is a specific case of the petitioner that he had never used his licensed revolver. It is also submitted that the challan has also not been presented till date.

Learned State counsel however submits that inspite of situation of curfew due to COVID-19, the petitioner was allegedly involved in the said incident. Therefore, he is not entitled to concession of bail.

In view of the peculiar facts as noticed above, considering the existing situation due to COVID-19 and the fact that trial is likely to take time, 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. It is also made clear that in case, the petitioner is found involved in any other case, the prosecution is free to move an application for cancellation of bail.

The petition stands disposed of accordingly.

(GIRISH AGNIHOTRI)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/ reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No