

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-13305 of 2020
Date of Decision: 10.06.2020

Jeet Ram

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMOL RATTAN SINGH

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

Mr. Manish Bansal, D.A.G., Haryana

AMOL RATTAN SINGH, J. (ORAL)

All cases listed today have been taken up for hearing by way of video conferencing because of the situation existing due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

By this petition, the petitioner seeks the concession of 'regular bail', upon FIR no.0018, dated 22.01.2020, having been registered against him, alleging therein the commission of offences punishable under Sections 498-A, 376, 511, 323 and 506 read with Section 34 of the IPC.

The allegations against the petitioner, who is stated to be the brother-in-law of the prosecutrix (her statement having been recorded after an FIR was registered by her husband making an allegation that she was missing from home), is that he attempted to rape the prosecutrix by putting his hand on her chest and forcibly opening the string of her trouser (*Salwar*).

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that actually the matter is a

matrimonial dispute between the prosecutrix and the petitioners' husband, with the entire family having been roped in for no fault of theirs.

He further submits that the petitioner has been in custody since March 20, 2020.

Learned State counsel submits that specific allegations having been made against the petitioner, with the report under Section 173 of the Cr.P.C. having been submitted to court but no charge having been framed so far, he does not deserve the concession of bail.

Having considered the matter, without making any comment on the actual merits of the case, but looking at the allegations and the fact that the petitioner has been in custody for about two and a half months now, with the trial unlikely to progress at its 'normal pace' due to the ongoing pandemic, the petition is allowed, with the petitioner ordered to be admitted to bail to the satisfaction of the trial court/CJM/Duty Magistrate concerned.

June 10, 2020
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(AMOL RATTAN SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes
No