

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-13407-2020

Date of decision: 11.06.2020

Ramesh Kumar

....Petitioner

versus

State of Haryana

....Respondent

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Girish Agnihotri

Present: Mr. Sandeep Kumar Yadav, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sukhdeep Parmar, DAG, Haryana.

Mr. Aditya Sanghi, Advocate
for the complainant.

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-Ramesh Kumar has filed the present petition *inter alia* praying for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.475 dated 26.12.2018 under Sections 302 & 34 of Indian Penal Code, registered at Police Station Kanina, District Mahendergarh.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that alleged occurrence is of 10.12.2018 and the petitioner has been in custody since 21.07.2019. He submits that since then, the trial is going on. He further submits that due to the present COVID-19 situation and even otherwise the trial is likely to take some more time. On merits, he submits that there is a delay of 16 days

in lodging the FIR. He has also made reference to the statement of Father of the deceased and also another statement of Uncle of the deceased who have allegedly stated that they do not have doubt on anyone. He further submits that there is no eyewitness to the incident and it is a case of circumstantial evidence.

I have also heard learned counsel for the State as well as counsel for the complainant.

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, this Court deems it appropriate to release 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