

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-13717-2020
Date of decision: 16.06.2020

Jaskaran Gujjar

....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Girish Agnihotri

Present: Mr. Narinder S. Lucky, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. H.S. Sullar, DAG, 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-Jaskaran Gujjar who is stated to be aged 18 years, has filed the present petition *inter alia* praying for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.70 dated 30.06.2019, under Sections 323, 336, 341, 427, 506, 160, 148, 149 of IPC and Section 25, 27 of Arms Act, registered at Police Station Division No.1, Police Commissionerate Jalandhar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case. He submits that the petitioner has not been named in the FIR. Learned counsel further submits that it proceeds on a secret information about the alleged incident. He however submits that the

the petitioner is in custody since 08.01.2020. Supplementary challan was submitted on 18.04.2020, naming the petitioner, however, till date no witnesses have been examined. He further submits that all other co-accused, namely, Vishal, Sachin, Rishabh, Gurpreet Singh, Akashdeep Singh and Rajat have been released on bail. He, then submits that due to the present COVID-19 situation and also the fact that trial is likely to take some time, detention of the petitioner in jail is dangerous to his life. Therefore, petitioner is entitled for regular 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 some time, this Court deems it appropriate to direct the 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