

**IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATES OF PUNJAB AND
HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH**

CRM-M- 13504-2020 (O&M)

Date of Decision: June 12, 2020

(Heard thru video conferencing)

Raj Kumar

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. H.S. Dandiwal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramdeep Pratap Singh, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (Oral)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 17 dated 18.02.2020, under Sections 363, 366-A Indian Penal Code, registered at Police Station Boha, District Mansa.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner herein was taken into custody in the aforesaid FIR on 24.02.2020. It is submitted that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. It is also contended that the allegations as set out in the FIR are not sustainable as Balwinder Kaur- niece of the complainant has in-fact solemnized love marriage with the petitioner and she is currently residing in her matrimonial home and that the conclusion of trial will take sufficient

time, therefore, the petitioner is entitled to be enlarged on bail.

Per contra, learned counsel appearing on behalf of respondent-State, on telephonic instructions from the Investigating Officer-SI Gursharan Kaur, opposes the grant of regular bail to the petitioner, while submitting that offences alleged against the petitioner are serious in nature, however, does not dispute the fact that the matter has been investigated and the challan stands presented.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Since in view of the restricted working of the Courts due to pandemic COVID-19 situation, the trial is likely to take some time and in view of the facts that the petitioner herein has been in custody since 24.02.2020 and that the matter has been investigated and the challan stands presented and that no recoveries are to be effected, no useful purpose would be served in keeping the petitioner behind bars. At this stage, without commenting on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail on execution of adequate personal bond and surety bond to the satisfaction of concerned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

June 12, 2020

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(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes
Yes/No