

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-13721-2020

Date of decision: 13.07.2020

Tarsem Lal Loomba

....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Girish Agnihotri

Present: Mr. Hitesh Verma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Pawan Sharda, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

Mr. M.S. Dandiwal, 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-Tarsem Lal Loomba, stated to be aged 56 years, has filed the present petition *inter alia* with a prayer for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.122 dated 09.12.2019 (Annexure P-1), registered under Section 304-B IPC at Police Station Sadar, Moga.

Learned counsel for the petitioner, based on the pleadings in the petition, submits that the petitioner has never earlier been involved in any other criminal case. The petitioner is father-in-law of the deceased-Jyoti Bala and has been falsely implicated in the case. Counsel for the petitioner submits that when the marriage of Rishu Loomba (son of petitioner) and

deceased (Jyoti Bala), was solemnized on 18.04.2018, it was a simple marriage and only 30-35 baratis attended the said marriage. There was no giving and taking of any dowry. It is stated that out of their wedlock, a baby boy was born.

Learned State counsel submits that challan in this case was presented and it is fixed for charges on 22.07.2020.

Learned counsel for the complainant submits that four other co-accused are also there, who are yet to be arrested.

Faced with the situation, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that father-in-law of the deceased is a middle aged man and because of COVID-19 situation, the trial is likely to take some time and detention of the petitioner in jail would be dangerous to his life, hence, the petitioner may be granted concession of regular bail.

In view of the peculiar facts and circumstance 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 direct release of the petitioner on regular bail to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned, subject to his furnishing bail/surety bonds. In addition to the said bonds, the petitioner shall make an FDR in the name of his grand child for an amount of Rs.5 lacs and deposit the same with the Duty Magistrate/trial Court, within 15 days from release of the petitioner, as prayed for. This amount shall always remain on name of the minor child and can be utilized for his benefit in accordance with law. 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