

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

204-2

CRM-M-13712-2020

Date of decision: 16.06.2020

Sagar

....Petitioner

versus

State of Haryana

....Respondent

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Girish Agnihotri

Present: Mr. V.P. Sangwan, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sukhdeep Parmar, DAG, Haryana.

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-Sagar has filed the present petition *inter alia* praying for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.0156 dated 07.08.2019, under Sections 379B, 392, 394, 34 of IPC, registered at Police Station Barauda, District Sonipat.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that there is a delay in lodging of the FIR. Learned counsel further submits that the petitioner is not named in the FIR. He then submits that he is in custody since 03.12.2019. Learned counsel submits that there is only one case against the petitioner, in which the petitioner is already on bail. He, however, submits

that the challan in this case had already been presented on 04.03.2020. There are a total of 21 witnesses, but no witness has been examined till date. He submits that charges are yet to be framed. He then submits that because of 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 of opinion on merits of the case. Petitioner is also directed to deposit a demand draft of Rs.15,000/- in the name of the injured towards medical expenses.

The petition stands disposed of accordingly.

(GIRISH AGNIHOTRI)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/ reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:

Yes/No