

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-13732-2020

Date of decision: 16.06.2020

Ricky

....Petitioner

versus

Union Territory, Chandigarh

....Respondent

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Girish Agnihotri

Present: Mr. Anil Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Kumar Goyal, AAP for UT Chandigarh.

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-Ricky, stated to be aged 32 years, has filed the present petition *inter alia* with a prayer for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.0249 dated 29.07.2019 (Annexure P-1), registered under Section 22 of NDPS Act at Police Station Sector-39, Chandigarh.

Learned counsel for the petitioner based on the pleadings, submits that the petitioner was arrested on 29.07.2019. He submits that before the lower Court, the next date of hearing is 26.06.2020, however, out of a total of 13 witnesses, only three have been examined. He further submits that due to the outbreak of pandemic COVID-19, petitioner be granted bail as his retention in jail may be dangerous to his life. He also submits that the

petitioner is father of one year old child and the family needs his support.

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 direct 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. It is also made clear that in case, the petitioner found entitled in any other subsequent case of NDPS Act, the prosecution is free to apply for cancellation of bail.

The petition stands disposed of accordingly.

(GIRISH AGNIHOTRI)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/ reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No