

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

**CRM-M-13881-2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision : 25.06.2020**

Gulabdeen Petitioner
Versus

State of Haryana Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAMENDRA JAIN

Present : Mr. Tanvir Singh Attariwala, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Munish Sharma, AAG, Haryana.

RAMENDRA JAIN, J. (Oral)

Case has been taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

Through instant petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. prayer has been made for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in a case arising from FIR No.647 dated 06.02.2020, registered under Sections 135, 138 and 151 of the Indian Electricity (Supply) Act, 2003, at Police Station Irrigation and Power, Karnal, District Karnal.

According to prosecution, petitioner, who is an electrician, used to tamper electricity meter on asking of the consumers, charging illegal money. He has been named by 21 consumers, who were found committing theft of electricity, for tampering their meter.

Learned counsel inter alia contends that out of 21 cases, petitioner has been granted bail in four cases vide orders dated

08.05.2020, 13.05.2020 and 08.06.2020 in CRM-M-12070, 12239, 12984, & 13011-2020 respectively. Allegations against him in the instant case are similar in nature as in those cases. Petitioner is in custody since 06.02.2020. Conclusion of trial may take sufficient long time. No useful purpose would be served by detaining the petitioner any more in jail.

On the other hand, learned State counsel vehemently opposed the grant of regular bail to the petitioner.

Considering overall facts and circumstances, but without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the petition is allowed. Consequently, petitioner is ordered to be released on bail during pendency of trial, if not required in any other case, on his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of Trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

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(RAMENDRA JAIN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No