

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

CRM-M No.14135 of 2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision.19.06.2020
(Heard through VC)

Gurbaj Singh

...Petitioner

Vs

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present: Mr. Amninder Singh Sekhon, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Gaurav Dhuriwala, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

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JAISHREE THAKUR J. (ORAL)

This is a petition that has been filed for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.143 dated 18.10.2019 under Sections 419, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471 read with Section 120B IPC registered at Police Station Sadar Sri Muktsar Sahib, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Counsel for the petitioner herein would contend that petitioner is in custody since 14.03.2020. Investigation is complete and challan has already been presented in the Court. It is further contended that the main accused Assa Singh has already been granted regular bail by the trial Court in the case titled as 'Assa Singh Vs. State of Punjab' on 26.11.2019 and therefore, the petitioner is also entitled to concession of bail.

Learned counsel appearing for the respondent-State opposes the regular bail, who argues that no ground is made out for concession of regular bail.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties. Since the investigation is complete and main accused has already been granted regular

by the trial Court and the trial is likely to take some time to conclude as due to COVID-19 situation, Courts are not working at their full strength and not taking up regular hearing matters, therefore, no useful purpose would be served in keeping the petitioner behind bars. The instant petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail on execution of adequate personal/ surety bond to the satisfaction of concerned trial Court/Duty Magistrate. However, any observation made herein shall not be construed to be an expression on merits of the case.

(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

June 19, 2020
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Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No

Whether reportable Yes/No