

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-14192-2020

Date of decision: 19.06.2020

Ramesh Chand

....Petitioner

versus

State of Haryana

....Respondent

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Girish Agnihotri

Present: Mr. Shekhar Verma, 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-Ramesh Chand, stated to be aged 53 years, has filed the present petition *inter alia* with a prayer for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.35 dated 02.03.2020 under Sections 376-D, 506 & 120-B of Indian Penal Code, registered at Police Station Sadhaura, District Yamuna Nagar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was arrested on 02.03.2020. On 02.05.2020, challan has been presented and the charges are yet to be framed. He then submits that in the entire FIR, the petitioner has only been shown as owner of the Hotel. The petitioner has allegedly been named in the FIR. There is no other case involving Section 376 IPC, against the petitioner, except two other cases which are pending

under Section 342 & 420 IPC. Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that due to the present COVID-19 situation, detention of the petitioner in jail would be dangerous to his life and also the fact that trial is likely to take some time, the petitioner is entitled for regular bail.

In view of the peculiar facts noticed above and the present situation due to COVID-19, 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.

The petition stands disposed of accordingly.

(GIRISH AGNIHOTRI)
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Whether speaking/ reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No