

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-14323-2020
Decided on: 30.07.2020

Akashdeep Singh @ Akash

. . . Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

. . . Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Rajat Garg, Advocate
for the petitioner(s).

Ms. Monica Jalota, DAG, Punjab
assisted by ASI Harbhajan Singh.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J.

Due to the outbreak of pandemic COVID-19, the instant case is being taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

This present petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail in case FIR No. 25, dated 26.02.2019, under Sections 392, 201, 34 of IPC and Sections 25, 54, 59 of the Arms Act, registered at P.S. City-1 Malerkotla, District Sangrur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that it is case of false implication, as the FIR in question was registered against unknown persons and the petitioner was nominated as an accused in the instant FIR only on the basis of a disclosure statement made by the petitioner before the police in another FIR, which was registered against him and the co-accused. He further submits that the petitioner has been behind bars since 23rd March, 2019 and there is no likelihood of the trial concluding in the near future.

Per contra, learned State counsel while opposing the prayer for grant of regular bail to the petitioner, on instructions from ASI Harbhajan Singh, has apprised this Court that the charges were framed against the petitioner on 02nd July, 2019, however, the trial has not been able to proceed further on account of the outbreak of pandemic COVID-19. She has further apprised this Court that the petitioner has criminal antecedents and is involved in four more cases of similar nature.

In view of the above, no ground for grant of regular bail to the petitioner is made out.

Dismissed. However, it is made clear that anything observed hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

July 30, 2020

J.Ram

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No