

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

**CRM-M-14573-2020
Decided on : 25.06.2020**

Ravi alias Ravi Singh

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

PRESENT: Mr. Ashok Kumar Khunger, Advocate
for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Lavinder Sofat, AAG, Punjab.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J.

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

The instant petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail in case FIR No. 54, dated 11.03.2020, registered under Sections 452, 324, 148, 149 IPC (offences under Sections 326 & 450 IPC added subsequently), at Police Station Kotwali Bathinda, District Bathinda, Punjab.

Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that on the face of it, it is a case of false implication. The allegations levelled against the petitioner are baseless and fabricated. The false implication is evident from the fact that initially the petitioner was released on bail vide order dated 17.03.2020 (Annexure P-1), passed by the learned CJM, Bathinda. However, due to the influence of the complainant, Sections 326 and 450 IPC were added later on in the FIR in question. Thereafter, petitioner again approached learned Additoinal Sessoins Judge, Bathinda for grant of regular bail, however, the same was dismissed vide order dated

27.04.2020 (Annexure P-2). Learned counsel for the petitioner further

submits that investigation in the matter is complete and challan stands filed, however, charges could not be framed due to the outbreak of pandemic COVID-19.

Learned State counsel on the other hand while opposing the prayer for grant of regular bail to the petitioner, submits that the petitioner inflicted an iron rod blow over the left eye of the complainant, attracting the mischief of Section 326 IPC.

Heard.

In view of the submissions made by learned counsel for the parties and keeping in view the fact that the petitioner has been behind bars since 11.03.2020, no useful purpose would be served in keeping the petitioner behind bars, as the trial is unlikely to conclude in the near future, more so in the prevailing conditions due to the outbreak of pandemic COVID-19. Therefore, I deem it a fit case for grant of the concession of regular bail. The petition as such is allowed and the petitioner is admitted to bail to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

June 25, 2020

J.Ram

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned:</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether Reportable:</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>