

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No.15008 of 2020 (O&M)
(Heard through Video Conferencing)
Date of Decision: 14.08.2020

Vishnu

..... Petitioner

V/s.

State of Haryana

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present: Mr. Kuldip Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Dimple Jain, AAG, Haryana.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (Oral)

This petition has been filed under section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 30 dated 24.01.2020, registered under section 22 of NDPS Act at Police Station Sadar Dabwali, District Sirsa.

Counsel for the petitioner herein would contend that he was falsely implicated in the said FIR only on the basis of the statement made by co-accused Devi Lal. It is further argued that his custody would no longer be required since the matter has been investigated and the challan has been presented. Counsel for the petitioner would also contend that there is no other case pending against him.

Learned counsel for the respondent-State would oppose the bail application, however, could not dispute the fact that he was nominated only on the basis of statement made by co-accused.

Since the investigation is complete and the challan has already been presented 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, 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.

14th August, 2020

Sonia Puri

**(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No