

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

CRM-M-15058-2020 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 29.06.2020

Vikram Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

... Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.

Present:- Mr. Lalit Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Saurabh Mohunta, DAG, Haryana.

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TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J. (ORAL).

Matter has been taken up through Video Conferencing via Webex facility in the light of the Pandemic Covid-19 situation and as per instructions.

Petitioner seeks regular bail pending trial in case FIR No.293, dated 20.09.2019, under Section 379-A IPC (challaned under Section 379-B IPC), registered at Police Station Kunjpura, Karnal.

Counsel for the parties have been heard.

Petitioner was arrested on 04.03.2020.

Allegations are that the petitioner along with his co-accused have snatched the pick up vehicle of the complainant and having given him beatings. Initially an untraced report was prepared but subsequently co-accused, namely, Roop Chand was arrested in a different case and it is on his disclosure statement that the present petitioner stands implicated.

The evidentiary value of the disclosure of co-accused while in custody would be a moot issue to be considered by the trial Court.

Learned State counsel has opposed the prayer by submitting that the petitioner is involved in yet another FIR i.e. FIR No.23, dated 17.01.2020, under Sections 379/406/420/201 IPC, registered at Police Station Ladwa, District Kurukshetra and as such, is a habitual offender.

Be that as it may, investigation in the present case has been completed and the final investigation report was presented on 28.03.2020.

Trial is at the initial stage and would take time to conclude.

In the considered view of this Court, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner in Custody any further.

Without making any observations on merit, petitioner is held entitled to the benefit of bail.

Petitioner be enlarged on bail subject to his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate, Karnal.

Disposed of.

29.06.2020

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**(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE**

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| i) | Whether speaking/reasoned? | Yes/No |
| ii) | Whether reportable? | Yes/No |