

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-15303-2020

Date of decision: 01.07.2020

Harwinder Singh

....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Girish Agnihotri

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

Mr. Sidakmeet Singh Sandhu, AAG, Punjab.

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-Harwinder Singh, stated to be aged 28 years, has filed the present petition *inter alia* with a prayer for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.01 dated 19.01.2020, registered under Sections 307, 148, 149, 323, 324 & 325 of Indian Penal Code and Sections 25 & 27 of Arms Act at Police Station Sadar Raikot, District Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner based on pleadings, submits that the petitioner was arrested on 20.01.2020. The allegations of firing are stated to be against one Hardeep Singh and no gun shot injury has been stated. He submits that the allegations that the petitioner was carrying a base ball bat, is also not made out as no recovery of the said base ball bat has

been made till date. He submits that the challan has been presented on 18.03.2020 and no witnesses have been examined. It is also submitted 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 and circumstance as noticed above, considering the existing situation due to COVID and the fact that trial is likely to take time, this Court deems it appropriate to direct release of the petitioner on regular bail to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned, subject to his depositing of Rs.25,000/- towards compensation to the complainant party, which may be subject to the further orders passed by the trial Court concerned. 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)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/ reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No