

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

(Heard through VC)

CRM-M-15672 of 2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision: July 10, 2020

Satnam Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. B.S. Jatana, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Bhavna Gupta, DAG Punjab.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (Oral)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.108 dated 12.04.2020, registered under Sections 307, 353, 186, 188, 269, 148, 149 of Indian Penal Code, Section 51(a) of Disaster Management Act and further enhanced offences under Section 333 of Indian Penal Code and Section 54 of Disaster Management Act, at Police Station Sadar Mansa, District Mansa.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner herein was taken into custody in the aforesaid FIR on 12.04.2020. It is argued that investigation is complete, as the challan has already been presented. It is also contended that co-accused Jarnail Singh has already been granted regular bail by this court vide order dated 03.06.2020 passed in CRM-M-12701-2020, therefore, the petitioner is entitled to be enlarged

on bail.

Per contra, learned counsel appearing on behalf of respondent-State, on instructions from the Investigating Officer, opposes the grant of regular bail to the petitioner, however, does not dispute the fact that challan has already been presented and that co-accused Jarnail Singh has already been granted regular bail.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Since, the trial is likely to take some time and in view of the facts that the petitioner herein has been in custody since 12.04.2020, that investigation is complete, as the challan has already been presented and that co-accused Jarnail Singh has already been allowed regular bail, no useful purpose would be served in keeping the petitioner behind bars. At this stage, without commenting on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail on execution of adequate personal bond and surety bond to the satisfaction of concerned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

However, anything observed or said by this court is only for the purpose of deciding the instant petition for grant of regular bail and the same shall have no affect on the merits of the case.

July 10, 2020
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(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No