

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

CRM-M-15751 of 2020

Date of Decision: 13.07.2020.

Ramesh Sharma

....Petitioner.

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE LALIT BATRA

Present: Mr. Amit Dhawan, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Saurav Khurana, DAG, Punjab.

Lalit Batra, J.(Oral)

Case has been taken up for hearing through Video
Conferencing.

CRM No.16204 of 2020

This application is for placing on record Annexures P-4 to
P-6.

Application is allowed as prayed for.

Annexures P-4 to P-6 are taken on record.

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Present petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C is for grant of
regular bail to petitioner-**Ramesh Sharma** in case F.I.R. No.15 dated

20.02.2015 under Sections 406 and 420 IPC registered at Police Station Division No.6, Jalandhar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that previously petitioner was granted bail in the instant case FIR and he used to appear before trial Court on each and every date of hearing but he could not appear in Court on 30.07.2019 and then after issuance of warrants of arrest/proclamation, he was declared proclaimed offender on 04.11.2019. He further submits that petitioner was arrested and he is in custody since 02.03.2020. He further urges that since trial of the case would take sufficient time to conclude, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner in custody further and he may be released on bail.

On the other hand, learned State counsel while opposing instant petition has vehemently argued that since petitioner has already misused the concession of bail, thus, he does not deserve the concession of bail afresh.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

At this stage, without commenting anything on the merits of the case lest it may prejudice the outcome of the trial but taking into consideration the fact that petitioner is in custody since 02.03.2020 and since consequent trial of the case would take sufficient time to conclude, no useful purpose would be served by detaining the petitioner in custody further, thus, he deserves the concession of bail.

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In view of above, instant petition for grant of regular bail moved by petitioner-**Ramesh Sharma** is allowed and he is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of Chief Judicial Magistrate/Trial Court/Duty Magistrate, Jalandhar, as the case may be.

(LALIT BATRA)
JUDGE

13.07.2020

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