

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH.

**CRM-M-16143 of 2020
Date of Decision: 4.9.2020**

Vikas

....Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Haryana

....Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KARAMJIT SINGH

Present: Mr. Jitender Dhanda, Advocate
for the petitioner (s).

Mr. Kirpal Singh Thakur, AAG, Haryana.

KARAMJIT SINGH, J.(Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Section 439 Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.565 dated 5.11.2019 registered for the offences punishable under Sections 307, 323, 325, 341, 34 of Indian Penal Code (for short, "IPC") and 3(2)(v) of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 at Police Station Barwala.

Heard.

Learned counsel for petitioner submits that the petitioner is in custody since 27.11.2019 and the trial is not progressing due to prevalent Covid-19 Pandemic and prays that the petitioner be released on regular bail.

On the other hand, learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Pardeep Kumar has submitted that the petitioner is the main accused who caused head injury to Amit with the help of wooden plank and the said injury was declared dangerous to life. However, learned State counsel has

admitted the fact that injured Amit has already been discharged from the

hospital and the trial is not progressing due to Covid-19 situation.

The petitioner has already undergone custody for a period of about 9 months and the trial is not progressing due to prevalent Covid-19 pandemic. As the petitioner is the main accused who caused head injury, this Court is not inclined to grant regular bail to him, however, at this stage, in view of the prevailing circumstances, the petitioner is granted interim bail for a period of three months subject to his furnishing personal and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/concerned Duty Magistrate. The petitioner is directed not to meet and pressurize the prosecution witnesses and not to leave the country without prior permission of the Court concerned. He should also not indulge in any such similar illegal activity during this three months interim bail period. He should immediately surrender before the jail authorities or before the court concerned on expiry of the period of interim bail.

Accordingly, the present petition stands disposed of.

September 4, 2020

Paritosh Kumar

**(KARAMJIT SINGH)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No