

**CRM-M-16858-2020 and
CRM-M-7652-2020**

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207 (2 cases)

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

**1. CRM-M-16858-2020
Date of Decision :24.08.2020
Suleman.....Petitioner**

Versus

State of PunjabRespondent

**2. CRM-M-7652-2020
Roshan Din @ Suleman Petitioner**

Versus

State of Punjab Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

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(Through video conferencing)

**Present: Ms. Monita Mehta, Advocate
for the petitioner in CRM-M-16858-2020.**

**Mr. Manjinder Singh Saini, Advocate
for the petitioner in CRM-M-7652-2020.**

Ms. Monika Jalota, DAG, Punjab.

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MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (Oral)

This order shall dispose of CRM-M-16858-2020 and CRM-M-7652-2020 as both the petitions arise out of the same FIR.

The instant petitions have been filed for grant of regular bail to the petitioners in case FIR No. 34 dated 22.04.2016 under Section 396 IPC registered at Police Station Bullowal, District Hoshiarpur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner in CRM-M-7052-2020

contends that petitioner-Roshan Din @ Suleman has been arrested on 13.06.2016 and only 05 witnesses out of the 24 prosecution witnesses have been examined till date. Hence, there is no likelihood that the trial would conclude in the near future due to the outbreak of the pandemic COVID-19

Learned counsel for the State, on instructions from ASI Kulwant Singh, has placed on record the Custody Certificates of the petitioners. The petitioner-Roshan Din @ Suleman is shown to be involved in a number of other criminal cases of similar nature registered not only in the State of Punjab but also in the State of Himachal Pradesh. Even petitioner-Suleman (in CRM-M-16858-2020) is shown to be involved in a number of criminal cases of similar nature.

In the circumstances, no ground for the concession of regular bail is made out. However, the trial court is directed to make all endeavors to expedite the trial and conclude the same preferably within three months after the courts below resume normal functioning. It is made clear that the defence shall also co-operate during the trial and would not create any hurdles by taking unnecessary adjournments.

Both the petitions are dismissed.

24.08.2020
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**(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE**

Note: Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable:

Yes / No
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