

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

**CRM-M-17102-2020 (O&M)
Decided on : 30.06.2020**

Parveen Rani alias Veera Bai

. . . Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Haryana

. . . Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

PRESENT: Mr. Sanjiv Gupta, Advocate
for the petitioner(s).

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J.

Due to the outbreak of pandemic COVID-19, the instant case is being taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

The instant petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail in case FIR No. 21, dated 14.03.2019, under Sections 323, 344, 328, 370(5), 376(2)(n), 34 IPC, Section 3 of the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 IPC and Section 6 of POCSO Act, 2012, registered at Police Station Women, Sirsa.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court, Ms. Dimple Jain, Asstt. AG, Haryana, accepts notice on behalf of the State. Advance copy of the petition has already been supplied to the learned State counsel.

Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that the petitioner who is a lady has been in custody since 02nd May, 2019 and on the face of it, it is a case of false implication, as no evidence is forthcoming to connect her with the alleged crime. He further contends that similarly situated co-accused namely Manjeet Kaur and Ramesh Kumar have already been granted concession of regular bail vide order dated 11.12.2019

(Annexure P-3) of this Court.

Learned State counsel on the other hand while opposing the prayer for grant of regular bail to the petitioner, has apprised this Court that the case is fixed for prosecution evidence for 09th July, 2020 before the trial Court.

Heard.

In view of the submissions made by learned counsel for the parties and keeping in view the fact that the petitioner has been behind bars since 02nd May, 2019, no useful purpose would be served in keeping the petitioner behind bars, as the trial is unlikely to conclude in the near future, more so in the prevailing conditions due to the outbreak of pandemic COVID-19. Therefore, I deem it a fit case for grant of the concession of regular bail. The petition as such is allowed and the petitioner is admitted to bail to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Magistrate. However, it is made clear that anything observed hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

June 30, 2020

J.Ram

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