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

**CRM-M No.17340 of 2020(O&M)
Date of Decision: 21.07.2020**

**Manpreet Singh @ Nahra
Vs**

.....Petitioner

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: *HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ MOHAN SINGH*

Present:Mr. Achin Gupta, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ajay Pal Singh Gill, DAG, Punjab.

RAJ MOHAN SINGH, J.(Oral)

Petitioner seeks grant of regular bail under Section 439 Cr.P.C in case bearing FIR No.293 dated 31.10.2019 registered under Sections 379-A, 379-B IPC at Police Station City Faridkot, District Faridkot.

FIR was registered at the instance of complainant Parminder Kaur. According to the complainant, on 31.10.2019, she along with Baldhir Singh was returning on activa scooter after taking medicine from the hospital. Two youth came on a motorcycle without number and snatched her ear-ring worn in left ear. The driver of the motorcycle was with muffled face.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that there is no medico legal report of the complainant. The case was never considered as MLC case by any hospital authority (if at all the complainant was treated in the hospital). The alleged snatching of ear-ring from the left ear would result in some injury to the ear, but the complainant was never hospitalized. Petitioner was arrested on 23.11.2019, but no recovery has been effected from him despite recording his disclosure statement.

On the other hand, learned State counsel stated that the petitioner is having antecedent behaviour of criminal activity. Petitioner is also involved in other cases, but he is on bail in those cases. Co-accused is still at large even after dismissal of his anticipatory bail by the High Court in CRM-M No.54826 of 2019 on 06.01.2019.

Keeping in view the aforesaid facts and circumstances of the case, prosecution story would remain debatable and would be dependent upon the quality of evidence to be led by the prosecution. Petitioner is in custody since 23.11.2019. Challan has already been presented qua the petitioner and charges have been framed. No prosecution witness has been examined so far. Due to pandemic Covid-19, the trial of the case may take some time in its culmination.

In view of above, without meaning anything on merits of the case, I deem it appropriate to enlarge the petitioner on regular bail on his furnishing adequate bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

Nothing expressed hereinabove would be construed to be an expression of any opinion on merits of the case.

21.07.2020

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**(RAJ MOHAN SINGH)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No