

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

CRM M-17018 of 2020 (O&M)

Date of Decision: August 13, 2020

Pardeep Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE FATEH DEEP SINGH

Present : Mr. Sukhraj S. Brar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. J.S. Ghumman, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Mrigank Sharma, Advocate
for the complainant.

FATEH DEEP SINGH, J. (Oral)

The matter has been taken up through video-conferencing on account of outbreak of pandemic COVID-19.

Petitioner Pardeep Singh has come in this second regular bail application moved under Section 439 Cr.P.C, in FIR No.54 dated 16.06.2018 under Sections 419, 420, 498-A, 313,

406, 494, 120-B of IPC, Police Station Bhindi Saidan, District Amritsar, the first one having been dismissed on 23.01.2019.

The brief allegations are that the petitioner, whose actual name is Pardeep Singh, impersonating as Sandeep Singh entered into a wedlock with the complainant on 10th of September 2016 and during the course of subsistence of this marriage had again remarried with one Karamjit Kaur, resident of Uttar Pradesh. The petitioner as a consequence of registration of FIR was arrested on 16.06.2018.

Mr. Sukhraj S. Brar, Advocate for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that the petitioner has already undergone incarceration of more than 02 years and 02 months and that in view of the COVID-19 Pandemic situation, the trial is not likely to proceed and prayed for grant of bail.

Mr. J.S. Ghumman, DAG, Punjab learned State counsel assisted by Mr. Mrigank Sharma, learned counsel for the complainant though does not displace the facts brought to the notice of the Court but has opposed the bail on the grounds that the accused by impersonation and deception had deceived a poor lady and if allowed bail would influence the trial.

Keeping in view the period of incarceration, which is more than 02 years and 02 months and the fact that on account of present pandemic COVID-19 situation, the trial is not likely to be proceeded and accomplished in the near future and thus

without feeling the necessity to advert on to the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail to the satisfaction of Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

However, it is made clear that anything observed herein shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

Disposed off.

August 13, 2020

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JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No