

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

202-2

CRM-M-17549-2020

Date of decision: 31.07.2020

Manoj Kumar

....Petitioner

versus

State of Haryana

....Respondent

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Girish Agnihotri

Present: Mr. A.K. Bishnoi, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Vishal Malik, DAG, Haryana.

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GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

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

Petitioner-Manoj Kumar, stated to be aged 49 years, has filed the present petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C., *inter alia* with a prayer for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.29 dated 02.02.2019 under Sections 406, 409, 419, 420, 421, 424 & 120-B of Indian Penal Code, registered at Police Station Kosli, Rewari, District Rewari, Haryana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner, based on the pleadings, submits that the petitioner was arrested on 07.02.2019. He submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case.

On instructions from ASI Sandeep Kumar, learned State counsel submits that challan has been presented, however, charges have not been

framed yet. He then submits that the next date of hearing is 04.08.2020 for framing of charges. There are total of 20 witnesses, but none has been examined till date.

Faced with the situation, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that because of COVID-19 situation, the trial is likely to take some time and detention of the petitioner in jail would be dangerous to his life, hence, the petitioner may be granted concession of regular bail.

In view of the peculiar facts and circumstance as noticed above, considering the existing situation due to COVID and the fact that trial is likely to take time, this Court deems it appropriate to direct release of the petitioner on regular bail to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned, subject to his furnishing bail/surety bonds. In addition to the above, the petitioner is directed to deposit security in the form of bank guarantee/immovable property worth approximately Rs.12,00,000/- before the trial Court/Duty Magistrate. However, it is made clear that anything observed herein shall not be construed as an expression on merits of the case.

The petition stands disposed of accordingly.

**(GIRISH AGNIHOTRI)**  
**JUDGE**

31.07.2020

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Whether speaking/ reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:

Yes/No