

**209 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH
(through video conferencing)**

CRM-M-17695-2020
Date of decision: 23.07.2020

Akashdeep Singh

.... Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

.... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Ankur Bansal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. H.S.Sullar, DAG, Punjab.

Manjari Nehru Kaul, J.

Instant petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.PC for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.145 dated 11.11.2018 registered under Sections 302, 323, 34 IPC at Police Station Mehatpur, District Jalandhar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner, who was a juvenile at the time of occurrence, has been falsely implicated in the instant case with no specific attribution to him in the occurrence in question. The petitioner is behind bars since 26.12.2018 and no prosecution witness has been examined so far. It has also been stated that similarly situated accused namely Gurjit Singh has already been extended the concession of regular bail vide order dated 17.02.2020 by this Court.

Learned counsel for the State, on instructions of SI Sarabjeet Singh, while opposing the prayer of learned counsel for the petitioner has not been able to controvert the fact that similarly situated accused has

already been extended the concession of regular bail and no witness has been examined so far.

Heard.

Having considered the submissions made by either side and the fact that the petitioner has been behind bars since 26.12.2018, this Court does not find any reason to decline the prayer of the petitioner for grant of regular bail. It is unlikely that the trial would conclude in the near future more so in the wake of outbreak of pandemic Covid-19. Hence, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is admitted to bail to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate. However, it is made clear that anything observed hereinabove shall not be construed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/non-speaking?	Yes
Whether reportable?	No