

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

**CRM-M-18436-2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision : 14.07.2020**

Kartar Singh Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAMENDRA JAIN

Present : Mr. M.S.Saini, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramdeep Partap Singh, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Shailender Sharma, Advocate
for the complainant.

RAMENDRA JAIN, J. (Oral)

Case has been taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

Through instant petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. prayer has been made for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in a case arising FIR No.68 dated 04.04.2017, registered under Sections 307 IPC and 27, of the Arms Act, at Police Station Sohana, Mohali.

Learned counsel *inter alia* contends that petitioner is facing trial for the last more than 03 years 03 months. It is not going to conclude shortly due to pandemic Covid -19. No useful purpose would be served by detaining the petitioner any more in jail.

On the other hand, learned State counsel and learned counsel for complainant vehemently opposing the grant of regular

bail to the petitioner, submit that there is danger to the life and liberty of the complainant at the hands of petitioner as his son is a police official.

Considering overall circumstances, lengthy confinement of petitioner and this pandemic covid -19, but without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the petition is allowed. Consequently, petitioner Kartar Singh is ordered to be released on bail during pendency of trial, if not required in any other case, on his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of Trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

Petitioner shall appear on each and every date before the trial court. In case of his failure, he shall be got arrested by issuing his non-bailable warrants. The trial court is directed to record the statement of petitioner under Section 313 Cr.P.C. on the date fixed i.e. 28.07.2020.

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(RAMENDRA JAIN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No