

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

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CRM-M-18067-2020 (O&M)

Date of decision: 27.07.2020

Ranjit Singh @ Ladi**.....Petitioner****versus****State of Punjab****....Respondent****CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Girish Agnihotri**

Present: Mr. Rahul Bhargava, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Tanvir Joshi, AAG, Punjab.

*(the aforesaid presence is being recorded through video
conferencing since the proceedings are being conducted in Virtual Court).*

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

Petitioner-Ranjit Singh @ Ladi stated to be aged 42 years, has filed the present petition *inter alia* praying for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.122 dated 02.05.2020, under Sections 323, 328, 148, 149 of IPC (Section 302 IPC added later on), registered at Police Station Beas, District Amritsar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner based on pleadings submits that in fact the petitioner is a handicap person. He is drawing his handicap pension from the State Government and his wife is also mentally retarded and is undergoing treatment for the same. Learned counsel further submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the case.

Learned State counsel however submits that in case, the State is allowed to file reply after the challan, the further facts would come to light.

He, however, by making reference to the contents of FIR submits that the allegations in the FIR are that the complainant who remained hospitalized for 10 days and thereafter died, had himself stated before his death that the complainant's friend Honey Singh ran away from the spot and on the other hand, Puran Singh, Ladi (Ranjit Singh @ Ladi, the present petitioner), Kala and two other unidentified persons started giving beatings to him and due to severe beatings, he became unconscious.

Faced with the situation, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that keeping in view the fact that the petitioner is himself handicapped from both legs, consequence of which he is only able to walk with the help of crutches. Learned counsel submits that there is no one to take care of his wife who is herself mentally retarded. He further submits that because of physical handicap, it will be difficult for the petitioner to take care of him in jail for COVID-19 situation. Learned counsel then submits that challan is yet to be presented and also the fact that trial is likely to take some time, detention of the petitioner in jail is dangerous to his life, therefore, petitioner is entitled for regular bail.

In view of the peculiar facts as noticed above, considering the existing situation due to COVID-19 and the fact that trial is likely to take some time, this Court deems it appropriate to direct the release of the petitioner on regular bail to the satisfaction of Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned, subject to his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds. In addition to the bail bonds, the petitioner is directed to deposit Rs.2 lacs with the Duty Magistrate/Trial Court concerned which

may further be disbursed to the complainant party/injured as medical expenses. 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

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Whether speaking/ reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No