

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

CRM-M-18261-2020
Decided on : 07.09.2020

Parveen

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. Minkal Rawal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Apoorv Garg, DAG, Haryana.

Mr. Wazir Singh, Advocate
for the complainant.

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.198 dated 28.10.2019 registered under Sections 12 of POCSO Act and 354-D, 452, 323, 34 and 506 of IPC 1860 at Police Station Sadar District Panipat (Annexure P-1).

Learned counsel for the petitioner inter alia contends that false allegations have been levelled against the petitioner and his family, which are not supported by any shred of evidence. He further contends that petitioner is behind bars since 06.11.2019 and the trial has not been able to make much headway ever since the charges were framed on 10.01.2020. It has also been contended that due to some misunderstanding between the parties, FIR in question had been registered, which has now been sorted out between the parties and hence, the petitioner be extended the concession of regular bail.

Per contra, learned State counsel while opposing the prayer of

learned counsel for the petitioner has on instructions from SI Pawan Kumar apprised this Court that the next date of hearing before the trial Court is 22.09.2020 for prosecution evidence.

Heard.

In view of the submissions made by learned counsel and the fact that the petitioner has been in custody since 06.11.2019, the trial is unlikely to 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.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

07.09.2020

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Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether reportable :

Yes/No