

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

CRM-M-18242 of 2020

Date of Decision: 26.08.2020

Harpreet Singh @ Laddi

.....Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab and another

....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE AMOL RATTAN SINGH

Present: Mr.Ravi Malhotra, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr.Rana Harjasdeep Singh, AAG, Punjab.

AMOL RATTAN SINGH, J. (Oral)

All cases listed today have been taken up for hearing by way of video conferencing because of the situation existing due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

By this petition, the petitioner seeks the concession of 'regular bail' under the provisions of Section 439 Cr.P.C., upon FIR No.20, dated 20.01.2020, having been registered at Police Station Sultanpur Lodhi, District Kapurthala, alleging therein the commission of offences punishable under Sections 376 and 506 of the IPC (with Section 366 IPC added later).

Though obviously the offence alleged to have been committed by the petitioner is grave, however, he having been in custody for 7 months with the trial still not having gone underway, and there being no other criminal antecedents as per instructions of learned State counsel, without making any comment on the actual merits of the case in view of the current pandemic,

the petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be admitted to bail, upon

him furnishing adequate bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial court/CJM/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

August 26, 2020
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(AMOL RATTAN SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : YES/NO
Whether Reportable : YES/NO