

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

(Heard through VC)

CRM-M-18292 of 2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision: November 10, 2020

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...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Manmeet Singh Rana, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Mehta, DAG Punjab.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (Oral)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.184 dated 19.11.2019, under Sections 379-B, 411 of Indian Penal Code, registered at Police Station Division No.6, Jalandhar, District Jalandhar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner herein was taken into custody in the aforesaid FIR on 19.11.2019. It is argued that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. It is submitted that no recovery is to be made from the petitioner, as the challan has been presented in the present matter on 04.03.2020 and since then, because of limited working of the courts due to Covid-19 pandemic,

trial is not proceeding, as such, the petitioner is entitled to be enlarged on bail.

Per contra, learned counsel appearing on behalf of respondent-State, on instructions from the Investigating Officer, opposes the grant of regular bail to the petitioner. However, he does not dispute the fact that trial is not proceeding in the matter.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

In view of the facts that the petitioner herein has been in custody since 19.11.2019; investigation is complete, as the challan already stands presented and that trial is not proceeding because of limited working of the courts due to Covid-19 pandemic, no useful purpose would be served in keeping the petitioner behind bars. At this stage, without commenting on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail on execution of adequate personal bond and surety bond to the satisfaction of concerned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

However, anything observed or said by this court is only for the purpose of deciding the instant petition for grant of regular bail and the same shall have no affect on the merits of the case.

November 10, 2020

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(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No