

HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-18702-2020 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 31.07.2020

Sukhveer Singh

... Petitioner

VS.

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE GIRISH AGNIHOTRI

Present: Mr. KS Brar, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr. Saurav Khurana, DAG Punjab

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

The matter has been taken up through video conferencing on account of lockdown due to outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic.

The petitioner Sukhdveer Singh aged 26 years has filed the present petition *inter alia* with a prayer for grant of regular bail. He has been allegedly involved in case FIR No.218 dated 03.12.2019 under Sections 324/34 IPC (Section 326 IPC added later on) registered at PS Sadar, Faridkot.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has already joined investigation in the FIR. However, later when Section 326 IPC was added he was arrested on 24.01.2020. It was an open fight between the two parties and the present is the case of version and cross-version. It is yet to be determined as to who was the aggressive party.

Notice of motion.

On the asking, Mr. Saurav Khurana, DAG Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondent through video conferencing.

Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Kulwinder Singh submits that there are 4 accused. The petitioner is the main accused in the present case. He submits that the challan has been presented. There are a

total of 16 witnesses and none have been examined till date and the charges are yet to be framed.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the co-accused in **CRM-M-11630-2020 (Simran Singh vs. State of Punjab)** has been granted regular bail vide order dated 23.06.2020 and the co-accused, namely, Darshan Singh has been granted interim bail in **CRM-M-7736-2020** vide order dated 20.02.2020, by this Court.

Counsel then submits that due to COVID situation retention of the petitioner in jail is dangerous to his life and otherwise also the trial is likely to take some time.

In view of the above, this Court deems it appropriate to release the petitioner on regular bail subject to his furnishing adequate bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Duty Magistrate/trial court concerned.

In view of the peculiar circumstances as noticed above, in addition to bail bonds/additional surety which the trial court may further require the petitioner to furnish as it deems appropriate, the petitioner is directed to deposit Rs.4 lakhs with the Duty Magistrate/trial Court which shall be disbursed to the injured toward medical expenses.

However, it is made clear that anything observed herein shall not be construed to be an expression on merits of the case.

Disposed of.

31.07.2020

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1. *Whether speaking/reasoned?*
2. *Whether reportable?*

(Girish Agnihotri)
Judge

Yes/No
Yes/No