

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No.18722 of 2020 (O&M)
(Heard through Video Conferencing)
Date of Decision: 14.08.2020

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..... Petitioner

V/s.

State of Haryana

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present: Mr. Vishal Nehra, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Dimple Jain, AAG, Haryana.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (Oral)

This is petition filed under section 439Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 690 dated 30.09.2018, under sections 148, 149, 323, 120-B, 307 IPC and Section 25 of the Arms Act 1959, registered at Police Station Sampla, District Rohtak.

Learned counsel for the petitioner herein would contend that he was not named in the FIR and was nominated as an accused only on the statement given by one Rahul who stands already acquitted by the Court below. Learned counsel would contend that he has been in custody since 26.03.2019 and on date, the trial has not commenced on account of ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic.

Learned counsel for the respondent-State opposes the grant of regular bail, however, could not dispute that the petitioner herein was nominated as an accused only on the basis of a statement given by Rahul who has subsequently been acquitted.

Since the investigation is complete and the challan has already been presented and the trial is likely to take some time to conclude as due to COVID-19 situation, Courts are not working at their full strength, therefore, no useful purpose

would be served in keeping the petitioner behind bars. The instant petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail on execution of adequate personal/ surety bond to the satisfaction of concerned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

However, any observation made herein shall not be construed to be an expression on merits of the case.

14th August, 2020

Sonia Puri

**(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No