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

CRM-M-18843-2020

Date of Decision: August 04, 2020.

JATINDER SINGH

..... PETITIONER (s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

..... RESPONDENT (s)

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Mr. B.S. Bhalla, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Bhavna Gupta, Asstt. D.A.G., Punjab.

LISA GILL, J.

This matter is being taken up for hearing through video conferencing due to the outbreak of pandemic, COVID-19.

The petitioner prays for grant of bail pending trial in FIR No.33, dated 16.02.2020 under Sections 379-B, 201, 34 IPC, registered at Police Station Chheharta, District Amritsar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was taken in custody in another matter i.e. FIR No. 35 dated 18.02.2020, registered under Sections 379-B IPC and has been falsely implicated in the present FIR No. 33 dated 16.02.2020. It is further submitted that the petitioner has been granted the concession of bail pending trial in FIR

No.35 dated 18.02.2020. No recovery has to be effected in the present matter. It is, thus, prayed that this petition be allowed.

Learned counsel for the State while opposing this petition submits that the complainant in this matter has duly identified the present petitioner as an accused, though, it is not denied that the petitioner was initially taken into custody in FIR No. 35 dated 18.02.2020 in which he has been granted the concession of bail.

Final report under Section 173 Cr.P.C. stands presented. No recovery has to be effected from the petitioner. There is no allegation that the petitioner is likely to abscond or influence witnesses. Due to outbreak of the pandemic COVID-19 there is not much progress towards conclusion of the trial. No useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner incarcerated any longer.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the case but without commenting upon or expressing any opinion on the merits thereof, this petition is allowed. The petitioner be released on bail pending trial, subject to his furnishing requisite bail bonds and surety to the satisfaction of the learned Trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

It is made clear that the petitioner shall not try to contact the complainant or any of her family members or witnesses directly or indirectly. Any such infraction on the part of the petitioner may entail cancellation of his bail. Furthermore, in case, the petitioner is found to be

involved in any other similar matter subsequently, the State is at liberty to move a proper application for cancellation of bail granted in this case.

It is clarified that none of the observations made hereinabove shall be construed to be a reflection on the merits of the case. The same are solely confined for the purpose of decision of the present petition.

04.08.2020

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(LISA GILL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No