

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-19295-2020

Date of decision: 06.08.2020

Uttam Singh

....Petitioner

versus

State of Haryana

....Respondent

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Girish Agnihotri

Present: Mr. Rajesh Lamba, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Aggarwal, DAG, Haryana.

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

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

Petitioner-Uttam Singh, stated to be aged 42 years, has filed the present petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. *inter alia* with a prayer for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.190 dated 26.05.2019, registered under Sections 370, 343 & 120-B of Indian Penal Code, at Police Station Sadar Fatehabad, District Fatehabad (Haryana).

Learned counsel for the petitioner, based on the pleadings, submits that the maximum punishment prescribed under the Sections involved in the present FIR, is maximum of seven years. The petitioner was arrested on 09.09.2019 and almost one year of custody he has already undergone.

Learned State counsel however submits that charges have been framed and there are total of 12 witnesses, but, none has been examined till date. On asking of the Court, he further informs that there is no other case, in which the petitioner is involved.

Faced with the situation, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that due to the present COVID-19 situation, detention of the petitioner in jail would be dangerous to his life and also the fact that trial is likely to take some time, the petitioner may be granted concession of regular bail.

In view of the peculiar facts noticed above and the present situation due to COVID-19, this Court deems it appropriate to direct release of the petitioner on regular bail to the satisfaction of Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned, subject to his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds. However, it is made clear that anything observed herein shall not be construed as an expression on merits of the case.

The petition stands disposed of accordingly.

(GIRISH AGNIHOTRI)
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Whether speaking/ reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No