

HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-19321-2020
(Heard through VC)
Date of decision: 06.08.2020

Waseem Abbas**....Petitioner(s)****V/s.****State of UT Chandigarh****.....Respondent(s)****CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE RITU BAHRI.**

Present: Mr. S.S.Rangi, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Ashu Mohan Punchhi, Sr. Advocate
with Mr. Anupam Bansal, Advocate
for the respondent.

Ritu Bahri, J. (Oral)

This petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case F.I.R. No. 205 dated 06.12.2019 under Sections 376, 420 and 506 of Indian Penal Code, 1860 registered at Police Station Manimajra, District UT Chandigarh.

Learned counsel for the State informed that the petitioner is in custody for the last eight months. Challan has been presented and 15 witnesses are to be examined. The next date in the trial is 07.08.2020 for framing of charges. He is opposing grant of regular bail on the ground that the petitioner had physical relations with the prosecutrix on the pretext of marriage. However the petitioner was already married.

Keeping in view that the petitioner is in custody for the last eight months and the trial is not likely to be concluded in the near future because of the prevailing COVID-19 pandemic situation, this petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be enlarged on bail to the

satisfaction of the concerned Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate.

06.08.2020

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RITU BAHRI
(JUDGE)

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