

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

CRM-M-19414-2020

Date of decision : 06.08.2020

Manpreet Singh Gharu @ Mannu

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JITENDRA CHAUHAN

Present: None for the petitioner.

Mr. Mehardeep Singh, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

JITENDRA CHAUHAN, J. (Oral)

The matter has been taken up through video-conferencing in the light of the pandemic COVID-19 situation and as per instructions.

The instant petition has been preferred under Section 439 Cr.P.C. seeking bail in FIR No. 101, dated 20.06.2018, registered under Sections 379-B, 201 read with Section 34 of Indian Penal Code at Police Station Sadar Jalandhar.

There is no representation on behalf of the petitioner.

Perused.

It is asserted in the petition that the petitioner was not named in the FIR. Co-accused Lakhvir Singh @ Bhola has already been granted the concession of regular bail by this Court vide order dated 27.08.2019. He is in custody since 13.05.2019.

Custody certificate filed in the Court is taken on record. Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Balwan Singh states that injury on the person of the complainant is on the non-vital part of the body.

The petitioner was involved in two other identical FIRs wherein he stands acquitted.

Heard.

The petitioner is a young man of 24 years, considering the age of petitioner and the factum that he is acquitted in two other identical cases; challan has been filed in this case; out of 12 witnesses, not even a single witness has been examined; the trial is not likely to be completed in the near future, the Court feels that further incarceration of the petitioner is not warranted.

In view of the above, without adverting to the merits of the instant case, this petition is allowed. The petitioner be admitted to bail during the pendency of the trial, on furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds, to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

However, anything noticed hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

06.08.2020

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(JITENDRA CHAUHAN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking / reasoned : Yes No

Whether Reportable : Yes No