

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

Sr. No.215

CRM-M-19536-2020

DATE OF DECISION: 16.09.2020

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..PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. Fatehjeet Singh, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. H.S. Sitta, AAG, Punjab.

SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner seeks grant of regular bail in case FIR No. 31 dated 07.05.2015 registered at Police Station Lambra, District Jalandhar, under Sections 323, 324, 452, 148, 149 IPC (Section 326 IPC added later on) .

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been in custody for over 07 months. The charges have not yet been framed and thus, the trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date. There is no other criminal case pending against the petitioner and thus, he may be granted regular bail.

Custody certificate dated 15.09.2020 has been submitted in Court. The same is taken on record. According to this certificate, the petitioner has undergone actual custody of 07 months and there is no other criminal case pending against him.

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Learned State counsel submits that there is one other criminal case pending against the petitioner and information in this regard has been supplied to him by Investigating Officer Niranjana Singh (ASI). Regarding the status of the trial, he concedes the submissions made on behalf of counsel for the petitioner.

The oral submission of learned State counsel regarding pendency of another criminal case cannot be accepted in the light of the signed custody certificate.

It is thus evident that the trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date. The petitioner has been in custody for 07 months and there is no criminal case pending against him and thus, I deem it appropriate to grant him regular bail.

Accordingly, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

16.09.2020

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**(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether Reportable

Yes/No