

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-19810-2020

Date of decision: 07.09.2020

Sonu

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Haryana

....Respondent

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Girish Agnihotri

Present: Ms. Kamaljeet Kaur, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Rajiv Goel, DAG, Haryana.

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

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

Petitioner-Sonu, stated to be aged 23 years, has filed the present petition *inter alia* with a prayer for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.583 dated 25.10.2018, registered under Sections 302, 201, 120-B & 34 of Indian Penal Code, at Police Station City Jind, District Jind.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case and he is not involved in any other case.

Learned counsel for the State submits that a perusal of the FIR would show that the FIR was registered by the complainant (wife of deceased) on 25.10.2018. In the said FIR, the petitioner has been arrested on 30.11.2018. It is then submitted that in Para 5 of the affidavit, filed by

Dharambir Singh, Deputy Superintendent of Police, City Jind on behalf of the State, it becomes evident that the petitioner was involved in the present FIR and arrested as the petitioner-accused suffered disclosure statement on 02.12.2018.

On instructions from ASI Satish Kumar, learned State counsel submits that in the present case, the charges were framed on 03.05.2019. It is further submitted that there are total of 33 witnesses and out them, 7 have been examined and 26 witnesses still remained to be examined. It is also submitted that the petitioner is not involved in any other case.

Faced with the situation, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in view of the COVID 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 and also the fact that trial is likely to take some time, 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.

Accordingly, the present petition stands disposed of.

(GIRISH AGNIHOTRI)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/ reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:

Yes/No