

HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-20380-2020 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 10.08.2020

Hardeep Singh @ Deepu

... Petitioner

VS.

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE GIRISH AGNIHOTRI

Present: Mr. Lupil Gupta, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr. HS Sitta, AAG Punjab

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

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

The petitioner Hardeep Singh @ Deepu who is stated to be aged 24 years has filed the present petition *inter alia* with a prayer for grant of regular bail. He has been allegedly involved in case FIR No.88 dated 26.06.2020 under Sections 354/452 IPC and Sections 7/8 of POSCO Act, 2012 registered at PS City Budhlada, District Mansa.

Learned counsel for the petitioner based upon the pleadings submits that the incident is of dated 24.06.2020 whereas the FIR was registered on 26.06.2020 i.e. after a delay of 2 days. He submits that the petitioner was arrested on 27.06.2020. The petitioner is neither a habitual offender nor is he required for further investigation.

Learned state counsel, on instructions from SI Parminder Kaur, that the challan is yet to be presented. It is agreed that the petitioner was arrested on 27.06.2020. It is also not in dispute that the petitioner is not a habitual offender and there is no other case registered against him.

Faced with this counsel then submits that due to COVID situation retention of the petitioner in jail is dangerous to his life and otherwise also the trial is likely to take some time.

In view of the above, this Court deems it appropriate to release the petitioner on regular bail subject to his furnishing adequate bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Duty Magistrate/trial court concerned.

However, it is made clear that anything observed herein shall not be construed to be an expression on merits of the case.

Disposed of.

10.08.2020

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(Girish Agnihotri)
Judge

1. *Whether speaking/reasoned?*
2. *Whether reportable?*

Yes/No
Yes/No