

HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-20370-2020 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 10.08.2020

Narender Singh

... Petitioner

VS.

State of Haryana

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE GIRISH AGNIHOTRI

Present: Mr. Pankaj Bali, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr. Rajiv Goel, DAG Haryana

Mr. Ravinder Malik, Advocate for the complainant

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 Narender Singh who is stated to be aged 39 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.512 dated 11.07.2019 under Sections 364-A/365/302/201/120-B IPC registered at PS Assandh, Karnal.

Learned counsel based upon the pleadings submits that a bare perusal of the FIR would show that the FIR has been registered under the suspicion by Jagtar Singh - complainant. He further submits that the petitioner was arrested on 19.07.2019 and before arresting him, no enquiry was conducted. He further submits that the wife of the petitioner had also given an application to the SHO for conducting an enquiry. By making reference to para 4 of the petition counsel further submits that in spite various requests on behalf of the petitioner, the mobile location of the petitioner was not enquired into.

Learned counsel for the complainant submits that various disclosure statements including the one made by the petitioner would show that the petitioner has admitted his guilt. He further submits that it is a heinous crime as is also prevalent as 'honour killing'.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from SHO Jagbir Singh, submits that the challan in this case has been presented on 18.10.2019. There are a total of 15 witnesses and none have been examined. The next date fixed before the trial court is 14.08.2020.

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