

HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-20378-2020 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 10.08.2020

Ramdeen

... Petitioner

VS.

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE GIRISH AGNIHOTRI

Present: Mr. MS Kathuria, 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 Ramdeen who is stated to be aged 60 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.251 dated 02.07.2017 under Section 304-B IPC registered at PS Basti Jodhewal, District Ludhiana.

Learned counsel based upon the pleadings submits that a perusal of the FIR would show that the FIR has been lodged against the family members of the husband. The marriage of the son of the petitioner along with the deceased had taken place on 10.07.2016 in Uttar Pradesh. It is submitted by the counsel that the petitioner was arrested on 02.07.2017 and has completed 3 years of custody.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Raj Kumar, submits that there are a total of 16 witnesses: 10 have been examined and 6 more are yet to be examined.

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