

HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-20392-2020 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 10.08.2020

Lokesh @ Lambu

... Petitioner

VS.

State of Haryana

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE GIRISH AGNIHOTRI

Present: Mr. Atul Yadav, 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 lockdown due to outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic.

The petitioner Lokesh @ Lambu who is stated to be aged 25 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.97 dated 08.08.2019 under Sections 6/8/17 of POSCO Act, 2012 registered at PS Women West, Gurugram.

Learned counsel for the petitioner based upon the pleadings submits that a perusal of the FIR and other documents would show that the co-accused Aman, Bhupinder and Om Parkash have already been released on bail by the trial court. He submits that the petitioner was arrested on 08.08.2019 and has completed more than one year of custody.

Learned State counsel submits that the challan in this case has been presented. There are a total of 15 witnesses out of which only one witness has been examined till date.

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