

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

224**CRM-M-20398-2020 (O&M)****Date of decision: 10.08.2020****Mandeep Kumar****.....Petitioner****versus****State of Punjab and anr.****....Respondents****CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Girish Agnihotri**

Present: Mr. Vijay Rana, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. H.S. Sitta, Asstt. A.G., Punjab.

*(the aforesaid presence is being recorded through video
conferencing since the proceedings are being conducted in Virtual Court).*

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

Petitioner-Mandeep Kumar, stated to be aged 24 years, has filed the present petition *inter alia* praying for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.0166 dated 21.06.2020, under Sections 363, 366-A IPC, registered at Police Station Division No.8, Jalandhar, District Jalandhar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner based on pleadings submits that in fact the alleged incident is stated to be of 18.06.2020 whereas the FIR has been registered on 21.06.2020. It is the specific case of the petitioner that Komal Kumari, daughter of the complainant and the present petitioner wanted to marry each other and have actually married each other on 22.06.2020. The petitioner was arrested on 24.06.2020. Learned counsel then refers to written compromise dated 14.07.2020, wherein it has been recorded that both the parties are decided to live peacefully in future and

would not support the allegations in the FIR.

Learned State counsel however submits that the challan in this case has been presented on 05.08.2020. He further submits that there are total of 12 witnesses, but none has been examined till date.

Faced with the situation, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that due to the present COVID-19 situation and also the fact that trial is likely to take some time, detention of the petitioner in jail is dangerous to his life, therefore, petitioner may be granted concession of regular bail.

In view of the peculiar facts as noticed above, considering the existing situation due to COVID-19 and the fact that trial is likely to take some time, this Court deems it appropriate to direct the 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.

The petition stands disposed of accordingly.

(GIRISH AGNIHOTRI)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/ reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No