

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

(Proceedings conducted through video Conference)

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CRM-M-20992-2020 (O&M)

Date of decision: 13.08.2020

MANDEEP

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE REKHA MITTAL

Present : Mr. SS Duhan, Advocate for the petitioner.

REKHA MITTAL, J. (Oral)

The petitioner prays for grant of regular bail in FIR No.55 dated 30.03.2020 registered at Police Station Narwana, District Jind for offence punishable under Sections 394 and 395 IPC (offence under Sections 201 and 427 IPC added later).

Heard.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Manish Dadwal, AAG, Haryana accepts notice on behalf of State of Haryana.

Counsel for the petitioner would argue that in respect of an occurrence dated 29.03.2020 at about 9 pm, FIR was registered on 30.03.2020 at about 4.30 pm despite the fact that complainant was discharged from the hospital after giving first-aid on 29.03.2020. It is further argued that car of the complainant was recovered from Pardeep named as an accused in the FIR. It is further argued that the petitioner has been sought to be indicted in the crime on the basis of statement made by Pardeep in police custody. The last submission made by counsel is that though the challan has been presented in the Court but charges are yet to be framed as trials are not progressing due to Covid-19.

Counsel representing State has not disputed the factual submissions but opposed the prayer for grant of bail. However, in response to a query, he would inform that injuries sustained by the complainant are simple in nature.

Concededly, on completion of investigation, challan has been

presented in the Court but there is no progress in trial due to Covid-19. Perusal of FIR would reveal that complainant has not mentioned as to what document of his ID was there in his purse which was allegedly snatched by one of the boys. There are no allegations that any other criminal case has been registered against the petitioner or he is likely to flee from process of justice, in case enlarged on bail.

Without meaning to express any opinion on merits of the case, petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court/Additional Sessions Judge (on duty), Jind. However, he shall abide by the following conditions:-

- (i) He shall not, directly or indirectly, make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him/her from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer; and
- (ii) He shall not leave India without previous permission of the Court.

Disposed of.

13.08.2020

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(REKHA MITTAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes / No

Whether reportable:

Yes / No