

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

CRM-M-21343of 2020(O&M)

Date of Decision: 13.08.2020

Rajesh @ Raju

Petitioner.

Versus

State of Haryana

Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Mr. Vinod Ghai, Sr. Advocate
With Ms. Kanika Ahuja, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Anmol Malik, DAG., Haryana.

LISA GILL, J.

This matter is being taken up for hearing through video conferencing due to outbreak of the pandemic, COVID-19.

Petitioner, seeks the concession of bail pending trial in FIR No.246, dated 03.06.2020, under Sections 272, 420, 467, 468, 471 IPC and Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, registered at Police Station Gohana City, District Sonipat.

It is submitted that the petitioner even as per the case of the prosecution, is merely a labourer working for the main accused Shamsher @ Shama on a salary of Rs.9000/- per month. It is submitted that the petitioner has been in custody since the registration of the FIR. Final report under Section 173/Challan stands presented and the petitioner is not involved in any other criminal case. It is thus prayed that this petition be allowed.

Learned counsel for the respondent-State, on instructions from ASI Kuldeep, verifies that the final report under Section 173 Cr.P.C/ challan, stands presented and the petitioner is not involved in any other criminal case. Due to the outbreak of the pandemic-COVID-19, not much progress is being made in the

trial.

There are no allegations on behalf of the State that the petitioner is likely to abscond or that he is likely to dissuade the witnesses from deposing true facts in Court, if released on bail. No useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner incarcerated any longer in the facts and circumstances of this case.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances as above but without commenting upon or expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this petition is allowed. The petitioner, Rajesh @ Raju, be released on bail pending trial subject to his furnishing requisite bail bonds and surety to the satisfaction of the learned Trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

It is clarified that none of the observations made hereinabove shall be construed to be a reflection on the merits of the case. The same are solely confined for the purpose of decision of the present petition.

13.08.2020
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[LISA GILL]
Judge

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No.
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No.