

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

CRM-M-21156-2020
Date of decision: 11.8.2020

Jaspreet Singh **.....Petitioner.**

vs.

State of Punjab **.....Respondent.**

CORAM: - HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR

Present: - Mr. Ishan Gupta, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. M.S. Dullat, Additional Advocate General, Punjab.

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Sanjay Kumar, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is one of the accused in FIR No. 133 dated 20.10.2018 on the file of Police Station Doraha, District Ludhiana, registered under Sections 302 and 34 IPC. By way of the present petition, he seeks grant of regular bail under Section 439 Cr. P.C.

The case of the prosecution is built on the 'last seen' theory. The petitioner has been in custody since 22.10.2018. The challan was filed in this case upon completion of the investigation and the charges have already been framed. There is, however, no possibility of a speedy trial being undertaken at this stage, owing to the prevailing situation caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic. The petitioner is a young man of about 20 years and his continued incarceration pending the trial may not be warranted.

The petition is accordingly allowed directing the release of the petitioner on regular bail in FIR No. 133 dated 20.10.2018 on the file of Police Station Doraha, District Ludhiana, upon his furnishing a personal bond for a sum of Rs. 50,000/- along with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the Illaqa/Duty Magistrate concerned. Further, the

petitioner shall not cause any threat, inducement or promise to any person connected with the case.

(SANJAY KUMAR)
JUDGE

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