

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

CRM M-21215 of 2020 (O&M)

Date of Decision: August 13, 2020

Gurdarshan Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE FATEH DEEP SINGH

Present : Mr. Deepak Goyal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. J.S. Ghumman, DAG, Punjab.

FATEH DEEP SINGH, J. (Oral)

The matter has been taken up through video-conferencing on account of outbreak of pandemic COVID-19.

Petitioner Gurdarshan Singh has come in this first regular bail application moved under Section 439 Cr.P.C, in FIR No.218 dated 12.06.2018 under Section 380 of IPC, Police Station Sadar Dhuri, District Sangrur.

The allegations in brief against the petitioner have

come about on the statement of Rajni Rani, Principal of Government Senior Secondary School, Dadogal, Kheri Tehsil Dhuri, District Sangrur that while checking of the school on 10.06.2020, she found one LCD, one UPS and two batteries stolen from the laboratory of the school leading to the registration of the present case.

It is during the course of investigation name of the petitioner cropped up from whom these articles were got recovered.

Mr. Deepak Goyal, learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that the petitioner is behind the bars for more than 01 month and 20 days and that the investigation is not likely to be accomplished in near future.

Mr. J.S. Ghumman, DAG, Punjab learned State counsel has opposed the bail on the grounds that the petitioner is already facing 03 criminal cases including a case under the Excise Act and if allowed bail, he will again commit same offence.

Going through the submissions, recovery has already been effected and the investigations and the trial are not likely to be accomplished in near future and, thus, without adverting on to the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail to the satisfaction of Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty

Magistrate, concerned.

However, it is made clear that anything observed herein shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

Disposed off.

August 13, 2020

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JUDGE

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