

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

CRM M-21184 of 2020 (O&M)

Date of Decision: August 13, 2020

Suman @ Meera

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

.... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE FATEH DEEP SINGH

Present : Mr. Chand Ram Olla, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Baljinder Virk, DAG, Haryana.

FATEH DEEP SINGH, J. (Oral)

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

Petitioner Suman @ Meera has come in this first regular bail application moved under Section 439 Cr.P.C., in FIR No. 182 dated 24.04.2020 under Sections 120-B, 386 and 389 IPC Police Station Azad Nagar, District Hisar.

The present case was got registered on the

statement of Vinod Saini an employee of the police department. It is alleged by the complainant that he received a mobile call by an unknown lady who made a request for entering into a friendship. Thereafter, with the efflux of time, the lady told the complainant to arrange a gas cylinder for her and on the basis of which the complainant went to the designated place, a dwelling unit on 23.04.2020 and while he was present there he entered into a dialogue with a lady and after some time another woman came with two persons and who assaulted the complainant and demanded money amounting to Rs.4 lacs else they will register a false rape case against him and a settlement was done for Rs.1,18,000/-, however, since the complainant was not having this amount, he gave Rs.20,000/- and, subsequently, the present case was got registered and the currency notes were recovered.

Mr. Chand Ram Olla, learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that the petitioner is behind the bars for more than 03½ months and as per the allegations it is a Magisterial trial, which is not likely to be concluded in near future.

Mr. Baljinder Virk, DAG, Haryana learned State counsel though does not controvert the facts but has opposed the bail on the grounds that the petitioner belongs to a gang which honey-traps the people to earn money and, therefore,

disentitle her to any relief.

Going through the submissions, keeping in view the period of incarceration and in the light of the present Pandemic COVID-19 situation that the trial is not likely to be accomplished in the near future and, thus, without feeling the necessity to advert on to the merits of the case, the present application 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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(FATEH DEEP SINGH)
JUDGE

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