

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-21356-2020

Date of decision: 25.08.2020

Suresh Kumar

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Haryana

....Respondent

**CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Girish Agnihotri**

Present: Mr. Rahul Bhargava, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ashok Chaudhary, Addl. AG, Haryana.

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**GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)**

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

Petitioner-Suresh Kumar, stated to be aged 50 years, has filed the present petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. *inter alia* with a prayer for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.13 dated 23.01.2020, registered under Sections 419, 420, 467, 468, 471 & 120-B of Indian Penal Code, at Police Station Sushant Lok, District Gurugram.

Learned counsel for the petitioner, based on the pleadings, submits that perusal of the allegations in the FIR, would show that the petitioner has been wrongly involved in the present case as no overt act has been attributed to him. He then submits that there is only one bald allegation that the petitioner allegedly compiled certain documents which were neither attested nor witnessed by him.

Learned State counsel, based on the report received from the concerned Police Station, submits that challan has been presented in this case and there are total of 26 witnesses, but, none has been examined till date.

Faced with the situation, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in view of the COVID situation, trial is likely to take some time and detention of the petitioner in jail would be dangerous to his life.

In view of the peculiar facts noticed above and the present situation due to COVID-19, this Court deems it appropriate to direct release of the petitioner on regular bail to the satisfaction of Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned, subject to his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds. However, it is made clear that anything observed herein shall not be construed as an expression on merits of the case.

The petition stands disposed of accordingly.

**(GIRISH AGNIHOTRI)**  
**JUDGE**

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