

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-21398-2020

Date of decision: 13.08.2020

Maan Singh

....Petitioner

versus

State of Haryana

....Respondent

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Girish Agnihotri

Present: Mr. Jagdish Manchanda, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Munish Sharma, AAG, Haryana

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-Maan Singh, stated to be aged 41 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.0035 dated 02.03.2020, registered under Sections 376-D, 506 & 120-B of Indian Penal Code, registered at Police Station Sadhaura, District Yamunanagar.

At the outset, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that vide order dated 19.06.2020 (Annexure P-2), passed in CRM-M-14192-2020, and vide order dated 31.07.2020, passed in CRM-M-18632-2020, this Court had granted bail to the co-accused.

Learned State counsel submits that the challan in this case has

been presented on 02.05.2020. On asking of the Court, he further submits that there are total of 20 witnesses and out of which, none has been examined till date.

Faced with the situation, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that due to the present COVID-19 situation, detention of the petitioner in jail would be dangerous to his life and also the fact that trial is likely to take some time, the petitioner may be granted concession of regular bail.

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

13.08.2020

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Whether speaking/ reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:

Yes/No