

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

CRM-M- 21436-2020 (O&M)

Date of Decision: November 10, 2020

Karanvir Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Ms. Rajvinder Kaur, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Harbir Sandhu, AAG, Punjab.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (Oral)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.58 dated 30.05.2020, under Section 365 Indian Penal Code, registered at Police Station City Morinda, District Rupnagar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner herein was taken into custody in the aforesaid FIR on 09.06.2020. It is submitted that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. It is also contended that the challan in the matter has been presented wherein nothing has been recorded against the petitioner and the investigation is complete and that the conclusion of trial will take sufficient time, therefore, the petitioner is entitled to be enlarged on bail.

Per contra, learned counsel appearing on behalf of respondent-State, on instructions from the Investigating Officer, opposes the grant of regular bail to the petitioner, while submitting that offence alleged against the petitioner is serious in nature, however, he does not dispute the fact that the investigation in the matter is complete.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Since, in view of the restricted working of the Courts due to pandemic COVID-19 situation and in view of the facts that the trial is likely to take time and that the petitioner herein has been in custody since 09.06.2020 and that investigation is complete and the challan has been presented, no useful purpose would be served in keeping the petitioner behind bars. At this stage, without commenting on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on bail on his execution of adequate personal and surety bond to the satisfaction of concerned trial Court/Duty Magistrate. However, any observation made herein shall not be construed to be an expression on merits of the case.

November 10, 2020
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(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No