

**205 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH
(through video conferencing)**

CRM-M-21802-2020
Decided on : 14.08.2020

Sarabjit Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

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

Mr. Luvinder Sofat, AAG, Punjab.

Manjari Nehru Kaul, J.

Instant petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.PC for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.149 dated 06.12.2019 registered under Sections 420, 120-B IPC at Police Station Dhariwal, District Gurdaspur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner inter alia contends that baseless and fabricated allegations have been levelled against the petitioner in the FIR in question inasmuch as there is no evidence of any sum of money having been handed over to him. He further contends that since the petitioner was being continuously harassed by the complainant and to avoid further harassment, the petitioner agreed to pay a sum of Rs.1.00 lakh to the complainant and would have even paid the remaining amount but for the outbreak of pandemic COVID-19, the same could not be paid to the complainant. It has also been contended that the petitioner is in custody since 12.07.2020 and the trial is unlikely to conclude in the near future due to the outbreak of COVID-19.

Per contra, learned State counsel on instructions from ASI

Vashno Dass has apprised this Court that investigation is still underway and challan is likely to be presented in the near future. Learned State counsel has also apprised the court that the petitioner is involved in another case of similar nature.

Heard.

In the facts and circumstances of the case, I do not deem it a fit case to extend the concession of regular bail to the petitioner. Accordingly, the present petition stands dismissed. However, it is made clear that anything observed hereinabove shall not be construed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

14.08.2020

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Whether speaking/reasoned:
Whether reportable :

Yes/No
Yes/No