

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

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**CRM-M-22288-2020 (O&M)**

**Date of Decision: 18.08.2020**

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Hardeep Singh @ Karan

... Petitioner

VS.

State of Haryana

... Respondent

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**CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE GIRISH AGNIHOTRI**

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Present: Mr. PKS Phoolka, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr. Rajiv Goel, DAG Haryana

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

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

The petitioner Hardeep Singh @ Karan aged 30 years has filed the present petition *inter alia* with a prayer for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.35 dated 02.03.2020 under Sections 376-D, 506 & 120-B of Indian Penal Code, registered at Police Station Sadhaura, District Yamuna Nagar.

Learned counsel by making reference to the FIR submits that the only allegation against the petitioner in the FIR allegedly is that the petitioner introduced the prosecutrix with Aman Kaur r/o Bilaspur. He then submits that the co-accused Ramesh Chand, Aman Kaur and Man Singh have already been granted bail by this Court.

Learned State counsel though opposes the bail on merits, however, is not able to dispute the facts. He, however, submits that on 02.05.2020, charges have been framed in the present case. There are a total of 20 witnesses and none have been examined.

Counsel for the petitioner then 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 is entitled for 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.

**18.08.2020**  
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**(Girish Agnihotri)**  
**Judge**

- 1. *Whether speaking/reasoned?*
- 2. *Whether reportable?*

**Yes/No**  
*Yes/No*