

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-21756-2020

Date of decision: 05.10.2020

Satya Devi

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Haryana

....Respondent

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

Present: Mr. Ashish Grewal, 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 restrictions due to outbreak of pandemic COVID-19.

Petitioner-Satya Devi, stated to be aged 47 years, has filed the present petition *inter alia* praying for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.27 dated 28.02.2020, under Sections 376(2) (L), 120-B IPC, and Sections 3(2)(V) of SC/ST Act, registered at P.S. Jathlana, District Yamuna Nagar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is in custody since 10.04.2020. He further submits that the petitioner was not named in the FIR. Learned counsel then submits that in the reply filed by the State, it has been stated that the doctor opined that possibility of sexual offence cannot be ruled out.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from SI Satish Kumar, submits that the investigation is complete and challan in this case was

presented on 20.05.2020. There are total of 20 witnesses but none has been examined till date.

Faced with the situation, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that due to the present COVID-19 situation and also the fact that trial is likely to take some time, detention of the petitioner in jail is dangerous to her life. Therefore, petitioner is entitled for regular bail.

In view of the peculiar facts as noticed above, considering the existing situation due to COVID and the fact that trial is likely to take time, this Court deems it appropriate to release the petitioner on regular bail to the satisfaction of Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned, subject to her 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**

05.10.2020

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| Whether speaking/ reasoned: | Yes/No |
| Whether Reportable:         | Yes/No |