

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

CRM-M-25055 of 2020  
Date of Decision: 27.10.2020

Mangal Singh @ Manga

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

....Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK SIBAL**

Present: - Mr. Vikram Jeet Singh, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. A.S. Sehrawat, DAG, Haryana.

**DEEPAK SIBAL, J. (ORAL)**

Case taken up through Video Conferencing.

The present petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for the grant of regular bail in FIR No.63 dated 30.01.2020 registered under Sections 365/148/149/323/506/366/376 IPC at Police Station Assandh, District Karnal.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the case; he has been in custody since 31.01.2020; the petitioner and the prosecutrix were having an affair and in support thereof he has relied upon certain photographs showing the closeness between them; there is no other criminal case in which the petitioner is involved; report under Section 173 Cr.P.C has already been filed and therefore the petitioner is not in a position to influence the investigation and that the trial which is yet to commence will take a long time to conclude especially when the world is facing the Covid-19 pandemic.

Learned State counsel opposes the grant of bail only on the ground that the petitioner is accused of serious offences including rape.

The petitioner has been in custody since 31.01.2020; there is no other criminal case in which he is involved; the photographs showing closeness between the petitioner and the prosecutrix would be debated during the course of the trial; report under Section 173 Cr.P.C has been filed and therefore the petitioner is not in a position to influence the investigation and the trial which is yet to commence is not likely to conclude in the near future especially when the world is facing the Covid-19 pandemic.

In view of the above, the present case is considered to be a fit one in which the petitioner be directed to be released on regular bail. Resultantly, subject to the satisfaction of CJM/Duty Magistrate Karnal, the petitioner is directed to be released on bail.

It is clarified that the above observations have been made only for the limited purpose of deciding the present regular bail application and the same would not be construed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

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**(DEEPAK SIBAL)**  
**JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned  
Whether Reportable

Yes/No  
Yes/No