

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

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CRM-M-24959 of 2020

Date of Decision: 03.09.2020

(through video conferencing)

Lovepreet Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Nonish Kumar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Apoorv Garg, DAG, Haryana.

Manjari Nehru Kaul, J.(Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioner, in case FIR No.1304, dated 27.12.2019, under Sections 307, 34, 120-B and 452 IPC (Section 452 IPC added later on) and Section 25 of Arms Act, registered at Police Station Sadar, District Karnal.

Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that the petitioner is not named in the FIR in question and he was arraigned as an accused only on the disclosure statement of co-accused Rahul made before the Police. He further contends that even in the FIR in question no role has been attributed to the petitioner in the alleged crime. The petitioner has been in custody since 20.01.2020.

Per contra, learned State counsel while opposing the prayer of learned counsel for the petitioner, on instructions from SI Ajaib Singh, has not been able to controvert the factual aspect of the submissions made by

learned counsel for the petitioner. He has further apprised this Court that the challan has since been presented, however, the charges could not be framed on account of the prevailing conditions due to the outbreak of the pandemic COVID-19.

In view of the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner and keeping in view the fact that the petitioner has been in custody since 20.01.2020, and due to the outbreak of the pandemic COVID-19, the trial is not likely to conclude in the near future, I deem it is a fit case to grant the concessions of regular bail to the petitioner. Therefore, without expressing anything on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned. 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

03.09.2020

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Whether speaking/ reasoned : Yes/ No

Whether Reportable : Yes/ No