

106 (1st case)

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

CRM-M-25785-2020

Date of Decision: 16.10.2020

Sandeep alias SanjuPetitioner

Versus

State of Haryana..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

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(through video conferencing)

Present: Mr. Karan Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Apoorv Garg, DAG, Haryana.

Mr. Namit Khurana, Advocate
for the complainant.

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MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (Oral):

This is 3rd petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 110 dated 03.09.2019 under sections 306, 376, 370, 328, 366, 385, 341, 216, 406, 120-B IPC registered at Police Station Jathlana District Yamuna Nagar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that the petitioner has been in custody since 03.09.2019 and till date only charges have been framed. He has further contended that even on a reading of the FIR, no specific allegations have been levelled against the petitioner except that he and his wife attempted to force the deceased into prostitution. He has contended that there was no allegation that the deceased had been forced into prostitution. Still further, it has been contended that co-accused i.e. Rajesh Kumar, Surender @ Kala, Parduman, Paramjit and Savita @

Manu, who have been attributed much more serious allegations in the FIR,

have been extended the concession of regular bail vide orders dated 24th June, 2020 (in CRM-M-14382-2020), 05th August, 2020 (in CRM-M-19185-2020 & CRM-M-19188-2020), 04th October, 2019 (in CRM-M-40418-2019) and 22nd November, 2019 (in CRM-M-49152-2019), by the coordinate Bench of this Court.

Learned State counsel while opposing the prayer and submissions of the learned counsel for the petitioner, has conceded that the case of the petitioner is on a better footing than the co-accused, who have been extended the concession of regular bail and the only role attributed to the petitioner is that the co-accused accompanied by the deceased had visited the house of the petitioner, where an attempt was made to force her into prostitution.

Heard.

Keeping in view the fact that the petitioner has been in custody since 03.09.2019 and due to the outbreak of the pandemic COVID-19 the trial is unlikely to conclude in the near future, I deem it a fit case to grant the concession 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.

16.10.2020

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Note: Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable:

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

Yes / No
Yes / No