

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

CRM-M-26280-2020(O&M)

Date of decision: 17.11.2020

Jaspreet Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. G.S. Sandhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. S.S. Cheema, AAG Punjab.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

Case is taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

The petitioner has filed this petition under Section 439 of Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail in case FIR No. 134 dated 29.06.2020 registered under Sections 504, 509 and 354 IPC and Section 67-A of Information and Technology Act, 2000, at Police Station Gidderbaha, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that the petitioner was in love with the niece of the complainant and because of it, the complainant involved the petitioner in this false case. He further states that no offence under Section 354 of IPC is made out against the petitioner. Charges have

been framed and the case is at the stage of prosecution evidence. The petitioner has been in custody since 01.07.2020.

Learned State counsel submits that the recovery of mobile phone has been effected from the petitioner and the allegation against the petitioner is that he forced the victim through mobile phone to undress before the camera during video call, even though, she is the daughter of his real uncle. He submits that challan has been presented and charges have been framed.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

The petitioner has been in custody since 01.07.2020. Though the case is at the stage of evidence, yet the trial will take time to conclude, especially due to prevailing situation of Covid-19. Thus, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind the bars.

In view of the above, without commenting anything on the merits, lest it should prejudice the case of either side, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

17.11.2020

Mangal Singh

Whether reasoned/speaking?
Whether reportable?

Yes/No
Yes/No