

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

**CRM-M-27379-2020 (O&M)
Date of decision: 04.11.2020**

Naresh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Virender Soni, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramesh Kumar Ambavta, AAG Haryana.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

Case is taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

The petitioner has filed this petition under Section 437(6) of Cr.P.C. read with Section 439 of Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail in case bearing FIR No. 126 dated 11.03.2018 registered under Section 25 of Arms Act, 1959, at Police Station Sadar Safidon, District Jind.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that the petitioner was arrested on 15.03.2018 and was granted bail by the learned trial Court, vide order dated 17.03.2018. Thereafter, the petitioner had been regularly appearing before the learned trial Court. However, on 18.04.2019, he could not appear before the Court, as the police had taken him into illegal custody in another case bearing FIR No. 147 dated 02.04.2019 under Section 323, 307, 120-B IPC and Sections 25 of Arms Act, registered at Police Station

Safidon, District Jind. It is submitted that the non-appearance of the petitioner before the trial Court on 18.04.2019 was not intentional and rather it was due to the circumstances explained above.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further states that the investigation in the present case is complete and the challan has been filed. The petitioner has been in custody since 17.06.2019.

Additionally, the learned counsel for the petitioner prays for grant of regular bail on the ground of massive spread of Covid-19 cases.

Learned State counsel points out that the petitioner was apprehended at the spot. As per the reply filed by the State, initially the petitioner was involved in 16 cases, out of which in 10 cases, he has been acquitted.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

The petitioner is having a long criminal antecedents, which led to registration of as many as 16 cases against him. Arrest of the petitioner in one of such cases, cannot be taken a refuge to justify him absconding the trial in the present case. The prayer of the petitioner for release on bail on Covid-19 ground does not have any merit either.

Therefore, I do not find any ground to grant him the concession of regular bail.

In view of the above, the present petition is dismissed.

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

04.11.2020
Mangal Singh

Whether reasoned/speaking?
Whether reportable?

Yes/No
Yes/No