

HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

211 - CRM-M-27392-2020 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 01.10.2020

Sandeep

... Petitioner

VS.

State of Haryana

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE GIRISH AGNIHOTRI

Present: Mr. RN Lohan, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr. Rajiv Goel, DAG Haryana

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

The matter has been taken up through video conferencing on account of lockdown due to outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic.

CRM-24398-2020

Allowed as prayed for.

Document (P3) is taken on record subject to all just exceptions.

CRM stands disposed of.

MAIN CASE

The petitioner Sandeep who is stated to be aged 24 years has filed the present petition *inter alia* with a prayer for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.360 dated 30.10.2014 under Sections 302/450/201/120-B/34 IPC registered at PS Safidon, Jind.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was not named in the FIR. A perusal of the FIR would show that the same has been registered initially on 30.10.2014 at the statement of Soma @ Sompal. The petitioner was arrested on 13.10.2019 and is in custody for almost one year.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Hari Krishan, submits that challan was presented on 20.01.2020 and the charges were framed on 09.03.2020. There are a total of 44 witnesses and none have been examined till date.

Counsel for the petitioner submits that in CRM-M-20905-2020 (Mangat vs. State of Haryana) decided on 11.08.2020, the co-accused Mangat has been granted regular bail. There is no other case against the petitioner. He then submits that due to COVID situation retention of the petitioner in jail is dangerous to his life and otherwise also the trial is likely to take some time.

In view of the above, this Court deems it appropriate to release the petitioner on regular bail subject to his furnishing adequate bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Duty Magistrate/trial court concerned.

However, it is made clear that anything observed herein shall not be construed to be an expression on merits of the case.

Disposed of.

01.10.2020

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**(Girish Agnihotri)
Judge**

1. *Whether speaking/reasoned?*
2. *Whether reportable?*

Yes/No
Yes/No