

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

Sr.No.209

CRM-M No.27523 of 2020

Date of Decision: 24th September, 2020.

Mahender Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

...Respondents

(Heard through Video-conferencing)

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA

Present: Mr. Abhinav Kalia, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ranvir Singh Arya, Addl.AG, Haryana.

MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA (ORAL)

By way of instant petition, the petitioner above-named has approached this Court for seeking the relief of regular bail in the criminal case registered against him vide FIR No.284 dated 11.06.2020, at Police Station City, Fatehabad, initially under Sections 8 and 9 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (for short "P.C. Act") and Section 506 of IPC wherein, subsequently, the offences under Sections 8 and 9 of the P.C. Act are stated to have been deleted and Section 7A of the P.C. Act and Section 420, IPC, have been added.

In brief, the allegations levelled against the petitioner in this case are that on the pretext of having close relations with the SSP, he assured the complainant to get an arms licence issued in his favour and he demanded and was paid a total sum of Rs.36,700/- by the complainant for the afore-said purpose.

Learned counsel for the petitioner as well as learned State

counsel have been heard in this petition.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been in custody in this case since 13.06.2020 and the Challan has already been presented after the completion of the investigation and though the petitioner has been booked in another criminal case registered at Police Station, City, Fatehabad vide FIR No.288 dated 14.06.2020 under Sections 406, 420, IPC but he has already been granted bail in that case on 14.07.2020 and in these circumstances, the petitioner deserves the relief of regular bail in this case.

Learned State counsel does not dispute the above-discussed factual position.

Keeping in view all the above-discussed facts and circumstances and also the facts that the petitioner has been behind the bars since 13.06.2020 and the trial of the case is likely to take quite some time to conclude, especially in the circumstances when the functioning of the Courts has been restricted in the wake of the outbreak of Pandemic COVID-19 and without expressing any opinion on the merits of this case, it is hereby ordered that the petitioner be released on regular bail, subject to his furnishing the requisite bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate.

The instant petition stands allowed accordingly.

(MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA)
JUDGE

24.09.2020.
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Whether speaking/reasoned?	Yes/No
Whether Reportable?	Yes/No

