

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

(Heard through VC)

CRM-M-27751 of 2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision: October 08, 2020

Resham Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Ms. Amandeep Kaur, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Monika Jalota, DAG Punjab.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (Oral)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.215 dated 10.06.2020, under Sections 380, 457 of Indian Penal Code (Section 411 of IPC added later on), registered at Police Station Sadar Dhuri, District Sangrur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner herein was taken into custody in the aforesaid FIR on 18.06.2020. It is submitted that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case, as he has not been named in the FIR. It is also contended that investigation is complete, as the challan has already been presented and because of limited working of the courts due to Covid-19 pandemic, it will take

sufficient time to conclude the trial, as such, the petitioner is entitled to be enlarged on bail.

Per contra, learned counsel appearing on behalf of respondent-State, on instructions from ASI Gurchain Singh, opposes the grant of regular bail to the petitioner, while submitting that there are other cases pending against him. However, she does not dispute that challan has already been presented.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

In view of the facts that the petitioner herein has been in custody since 18.06.2020; investigation is complete, as the challan has already been presented and conclusion of trial will take sufficient time because of limited working of the courts due to Covid-19 pandemic, no useful purpose would be served in keeping the petitioner behind bars. At this stage, without commenting on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail on execution of adequate personal bond and heavy surety bond to the satisfaction of concerned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

However, anything observed or said by this court is only for the purpose of deciding the instant petition for grant of regular bail and the same shall have no affect on the merits of the case.

October 08, 2020
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(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No