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

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Date of decision:24.09.2020

Lakhan Pal

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Amit Choudhary, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Tarun Walia, AAG, Haryana.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

Case is taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

Through this petition, the petitioner seeks regular bail in case FIR No.283 dated 11.06.2020, registered at Police Station City Fatehabad, District Fatehabad, under Sections 147, 148, 149, 307, 323, 324 and 506 IPC and Sections 325 and 427 IPC (added later on).

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been attributed injuries with a blunt weapon; that the injuries attracting Section 307 IPC have not been attributed to him and rather the same have been attributed to the other co-accused; that one of the accused, namely, Jagsir Singh has already been granted the benefit of bail by this Court vide order dated 03.09.2020 (Annexure P-5) passed in CRM-M-25104-2020, and that the petitioner has been in custody since 15.06.2020.

On the other hand, learned State counsel opposes the prayer

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made in the present petition and states that there are two other cases registered against the petitioner in which he has been released on bail. He also states that out of 17 prosecution witnesses, none has been examined thus far. However, the learned State counsel does not dispute the factum of the custody period of the petitioner.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

In view of the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, especially when the petitioner has been in custody since 15.06.2020; trial of the case is in the offing which may take a long time as the country continues to plunge into the global pandemic, Covid-19, this Court finds that no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind bars.

Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

24.09.2020

parveen kumar

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking?
Whether reportable?

Yes/No
Yes/No