

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

CRM-M-29940 of 2020 (O&M)
Decided on:- October 05, 2020.

Paramjit Singh.

.....Petitioner.

Versus

State of Punjab.

.....Respondent.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA.

Present:- Ms. Dhivya Jerath, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Luvinder Sofat, A.A.G., Punjab.

Mr. Jasmeet Singh Ghuman, Advocate
for the complainant.

HARI PAL VERMA, J. (Oral)

The matter has been taken up for hearing through video conferencing due to outbreak of COVID-19.

CRM-24173-2020

This is an application seeking exemption from filing the original power of attorney.

Prayer for exemption of filing the original power of attorney on account of COVID-19 pandemic is accepted with the condition that the petitioner shall deposit the same within a period of one month when the situation becomes normal from the COVID-19 effect.

Application stands disposed of.

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The petitioner has filed present petition Section 439 Cr.P.C. seeking regular bail in FIR No.279 dated 05.08.2020 under Sections 307, 506 and 188 and 34 and 120-B (Enhanced vide DDR No.46 dated 06.08.2020) of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Sections 25 and 27 of the Arms Act, 1959 registered at Police Station City Faridkot, District Faridkot.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is in custody since 14.08.2020. Present is a case of no injury and the main allegations are levelled against co-accused Manpreet Singh Sekhon, who has already been granted ad-interim anticipatory bail by this Court vide order dated September 17, 2020 passed in ***CRM-M-26542 of 2020*** titled as ***Manpreet Singh Sekhon Versus State of Punjab***.

Learned State counsel has filed the custody certificate of the petitioner, which is taken on record. He does not dispute the custody of the petitioner.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Considering the fact that the petitioner is in custody since 14.08.2020 and the allegation of fire has been levelled against co-accused Manpreet Singh Sekhon, who has already been granted ad-interim anticipatory bail by this Court coupled with the fact that the conclusion of trial is likely to take long time, this Court finds that no useful purpose would be served by detaining the petitioner in further custody.

Accordingly, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing adequate bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

The observations made hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case and the trial Court shall decide the case without being influenced with these observations in any manner.

October 05, 2020
Yag Dutt

(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes
Whether Reportable:	No