

**220 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH
(through video conferencing)**

CRM-M-31327-2020
Decided on : 17.12.2020

Sher Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. F.S.Virk, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sukhbeer Singh, AAG, Punjab.

Manjari Nehru Kaul, J.

Instant petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.PC for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.62 dated 08.04.2019 registered under Sections 304-B, 120-B IPC, 1860 (Section 302 IPC added later on in challan and charge framed under Section 304-B/120-B IPC) at Police Station Patrana District Patiala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner inter alia contends that the petitioner is in custody since 16.04.2019 and only charges have been framed till date. It has further been submitted that even as per the perusal of the FIR, no specific attributions have been levelled against the petitioner, who happens to be the father-in-law of the deceased except that he along with all the accused conspired to kill the deceased. Hence, prayer has been made to extend the concession of regular bail to the petitioner.

Per contra, learned State counsel while opposing the prayer of learned counsel for the petitioner has not been able to controvert the factual aspect of the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner. He has

further submitted that the trial has been proceeding at a slow pace on account of outbreak of Covid-19.

Heard.

In view of the submissions made by learned counsel and the fact that the petitioner has been in custody since 16.04.2019, the trial is unlikely to conclude in the near future more so in the wake of outbreak of pandemic Covid-19. Hence, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is admitted to bail to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate. However, it is made clear that anything observed hereinabove shall not be construed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

17.12.2020

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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable :	Yes/No