

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

(through video conferencing)

CRM-M-33823-2020
Decided on : 03.11.2020

Manjit Kaur @ Preet

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. A.S.Sekhon, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. H.S.Sullar, DAG, 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.312 dated 19.11.2019 registered under Offence U/s 379-B IPC at Police Station City Faridkot District Faridkot (Annexure P-1).

Learned counsel for the petitioner inter alia contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the FIR in question. The name of the petitioner has been nominated as an accused in the disclosure statement made by the main accused and that too after one month of the alleged occurrence. He further submits that the evidence on which the petitioner has been implicated in the FIR in question was admittedly a weak type of evidence. The petitioner is in custody since 01.01.2020 and only challan has been filed till date.

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 on

instructions from ASI Sikander Singh has conceded that the charges have not yet been framed but that is due to the prevailing situation of the pandemic.

Heard.

In view of the submissions made by learned counsel and the fact that the petitioner has been in custody since 01.01.2020, 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

03.11.2020

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