

**In the High Court for the States of Punjab and Haryana
At Chandigarh**

CRM-M-34366-2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision:-17.11.2020

Robin Masih ... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab ... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Dhawaljeet Dutta, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Ajay Pal Singh Gill, DAG, Punjab.

(proceedings conducted through video conferencing)

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J.(Oral)

1. The petitioner has approached this Court seeking grant of regular bail in respect of a registered vide FIR No.120 dated 30.10.2018 at Police Station Sadar, District Gurdaspur under Sections 302, 201, 376-D, 34 and 364-A of Indian Penal Code.
2. The learned State counsel has informed that out of the cited 43 PWs, only 5 remain to be examined.
3. In view of the aforestated position, this Court does not deem it appropriate to order for release of the petitioner on bail at this stage given the fact that the trial is at its fag end.

4. Since the learned State counsel has informed that out of the cited 43 PWs, only 5 remain to be examined, the trial Court is directed to take necessary steps as may be possible during the present times on account of spread of pandemic for expediting the trial provided that counsel for the accused extends full cooperation for the same. In case, any prosecution or defence witness is to be examined, the trial Court may record such statement either by physical process, if found safe and convenient subject to adherence of all the safeguards as prescribed by the Health Authorities or may explore the possibility of recording the same through video conferencing subject to the condition that defence counsel extends utmost cooperation for the same.
5. The present petition stands disposed of accordingly.

17.11.2020

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**(Gurvinder Singh Gill)
Judge**

Whether speaking /reasoned Yes / No

Whether Reportable Yes / No