

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

(Heard through VC)

CRM-M-36607 of 2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision: November 11, 2020

Pawan

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Rakesh Gupta, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Rajiv Goel, DAG Haryana.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (Oral)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.264 dated 27.07.2020, under Section 379-A of Indian Penal Code, registered at Police Station City Sohna, District Gurugram.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner herein was taken into custody in the aforesaid FIR on 31.07.2020. It is submitted that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. It is also contended that investigation is complete, as the challan has already been presented and because of limited working of the courts due to Covid-19 pandemic, it will take sufficient time to conclude the trial, as such, the petitioner is entitled to be enlarged on bail.

Per contra, learned counsel appearing on behalf of respondent-State, on instructions from the Investigating Officer, opposes the grant of regular bail to the petitioner. However, he does not dispute the fact that investigation is complete and challan has already been presented in the matter.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

In view of the facts that the petitioner herein has been in custody since 31.07.2020; investigation is complete as the challan has already been presented and that because of limited working of the courts due to Covid-19 pandemic, it will take sufficient time to conclude the trial, no useful purpose would be served in keeping the petitioner behind bars. At this stage, without commenting on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail on execution of adequate personal bond and surety bond to the satisfaction of concerned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

However, anything observed or said by this court is only for the purpose of deciding the instant petition for grant of regular bail and the same shall have no affect on the merits of the case.

November 11, 2020

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**(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No