

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

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**CRM No.M-40719 of 2020
Date of decision: 10.12.2020**

Som Nath @ Waletiya

Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Lakhwinder Singh Mann, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Monika Jalota, DAG, Punjab.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J.

Due to the outbreak of pandemic COVID-19, the instant case is being taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

The present petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C., for grant of regular bail to the petitioner, in case FIR No.81, dated 08.09.2019, under Section 379-B IPC of 1860, registered at Police Station Bilga, District Jalandhar Rural.

Learned counsel submits that he has been falsely implicated in the case in hand at the behest of a relative of a police official. He submits that his false implication in the FIR in question is evident from the fact that the FIR was registered against unknown persons. It has been submitted that the petitioner has been in custody since 02.11.2019 and there is no likelihood of the trial concluding any time in the near future and only charges have been framed till date.

Learned State counsel on instructions from Sub Inspector Som Nath has opposed the prayers and submissions of learned counsel for the petitioner. She on instructions has apprised this Court that the petitioner is

a man of criminal antecedents and he is involved in 8 other cases of similar nature. Learned State counsel has also submitted that the petitioner was duly identified during the test identification parade conducted by the Investigating Agency.

Heard.

Prima facie there are serious allegations levelled against the petitioner which do not entitle him to the concession of regular bail.

The petition stands dismissed. However, anything observed hereinabove shall not be construed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

December 10, 2020
Poonam Sharma

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