

208 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-11504-2020 in/and
CRM-M-41949 of 2019
Date of Decision: 28.05.2020

Raj Kumar

.....Petitioner

Vs.

State of Haryana

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMOL RATTAN SINGH

Present: Mr. Dixit Garg, Advocate,
for the applicant-petitioner.

Mr. Pardeep Chahar, A.A.G., Haryana.

AMOL RATTAN SINGH, J. (ORAL)

CRM-11504-2020

All cases listed today have been taken up for hearing by way of video conferencing because of the situation existing due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

By this application advancement of the date of hearing in the accompanying petition, seeking the concession of bail for the petitioner, is sought.

Learned counsel for the applicant-petitioner submits that the petition was actually listed on 24.03.2020, on which date it could not be heard due to the current pandemic and it was adjourned to a date in April, after which it has now been adjourned to 17.07.2020, with the petitioner already having been in custody for more than 10 months, the allegations against him being qua an offence punishable under Section 306 of the IPC read with Section 34 thereof.

He further submits that the co-accused of the petitioner was in fact granted the concession of anticipatory bail.

In the aforesaid circumstances, with the applicant-petitioner already having put in 10 months of actual custody, the application is allowed and the date of hearing in the accompanying petition is advanced to today itself.

CRM-M-41949-2019

This petition has been filed under the provisions of Section 439 Cr.P.C., for grant of 'regular bail' to the petitioner in case FIR No. 0421 dated 23.04.2019, registered at Police Station Chandnibagh, District Panipat, for the alleged commission of offences punishable under Sections 306/34/506 of the IPC.

Upon query, learned State counsel could not deny the fact that the co-accused of the petitioner has in fact been admitted to anticipatory bail, with the allegations against both of the them being almost the same, and with only 02 prosecution witnesses out of 16 having been examined so far, due to the current pandemic.

Keeping in view the period of custody and the fact that the trial is likely to take long as yet, the petition is allowed. The petitioner shall be admitted to bail upon his furnishing adequate bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned.

May 28, 2020
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(AMOL RATTAN SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes
No.