

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-50349-2019 (O&M)
Date of decision: 17.06.2020

Priyavarat

....Petitioner

versus

State of Haryana

....Respondent

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Girish Agnihotri

Present: Mr. H.S. Brar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sukhdeep Parmar, DAG, Haryana.

Mr. Vikas Gulia, Advocate
for the complainant.

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

The matter has been taken up through video-conferencing on account of lockdown due to outbreak of pandemic COVID-19.

Petitioner-Priyavarat, stated to be aged 29 years, has filed the present petition *inter alia* with a prayer for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.916 dated 27.11.2018, registered under Sections 302, 148, 149, 506 IPC read with Section 120-B of Indian Penal Code and Section 3 of SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, at Police Station City Sonapat, District Sonapat.

At the outset, learned counsel for the petitioner based on the pleadings, submits that vide order dated 22.05.2020, passed in CRM-M-

3229-2020, co-accused/Rohit has been granted concession of regular bail by this Court. He submits that role of the petitioner (herein) and that of Rohit as per the allegations in the FIR, is allegedly same/similar. He further submits that the petitioner was arrested on 18.12.2018. There are total of 26 prosecution witnesses, whereas, only two have been examined. The next date before the lower Court in the case is stated to be 09.07.2020. It is also submitted that due to the present COVID-19 situation, retention of the petitioner in jail would be dangerous to his life and also the fact that trial is likely to take some time, the petitioner is entitled for regular bail.

In view of the peculiar facts noticed above and on the ground of parity with the order dated 22.05.2020, passed in CRM-M-3229-2020, this Court deems it appropriate to direct release of the petitioner on regular bail to the satisfaction of Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned, subject to his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds. However, it is made clear that anything observed herein shall not be construed as an expression on merits of the case.

The petition stands disposed of accordingly.

(GIRISH AGNIHOTRI)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/ reasoned:
Whether Reportable:

Yes/No
Yes/No