

212 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No.51763 of 2019
DATE OF DECISION:12.02.2020

Pala

...Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE LALIT BATRA

Present: Mr. Subhash Kumar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Harpreet Singh Multani, AAG, Punjab.

LALIT BATRA, J. (Oral)

Present petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C is for grant of regular bail to petitioner-**Pala** in case F.I.R. No.90 dated 10.06.2019 under Section 379-B IPC (lateron offence under Section 411 IPC added), registered at Police Station Mehatpur, District Jalandhar (Annexure P-1).

Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that petitioner is in custody since 19.06.2019 and he is no more required by the Police for any investigation purpose. He further submits that after completion of investigation, challan has been presented in the Court and trial has already commenced. He further urges that since trial of the case would take sufficient time to conclude, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner in custody further and he may be released on bail.

On the other hand, learned State counsel while opposing instant petition has vehemently argued that keeping in view seriousness of offence,

petitioner does not deserve the concession of bail.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

At this stage, without commenting anything on the merits of the case lest it may prejudice the outcome of the trial but taking into consideration the fact that petitioner is in custody since 19.06.2019; that challan has been presented against the petitioner in the Court; that trial has already commenced; that since trial of the case would take sufficient time to conclude, no useful purpose would be served by detaining the petitioner in custody further and, thus, he deserves the concession of bail.

In view of above, instant petition for grant of regular bail moved by petitioner-**Pala** is allowed and he is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of Trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, Jalandhar, as the case may be.

(LALIT BATRA)
JUDGE

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