

**203 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

**CRM-M No.54134 of 2019
Date of Decision:10.08.2020**

KARTAR SINGH

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

..Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK SIBAL

Present: Mr. Suram Singh Rana, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. N.K. Banka, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

DEEPAK SIBAL, J. (ORAL)

Case taken up through video conferencing.

The present petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for the grant of regular bail in FIR No.164 dated 29.09.2016 registered under Sections 302, 238, 148, 149 IPC at Police Station Mehatpur, District Jalandhar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case; some of the co-accused who earlier faced trial have already been acquitted by the Trial Court vide its order dated 11.03.2019; one of the co-accused namely Ranjit Kaur @ Rano Bai who had filed a petition for grant of regular bail before this Court being CRM-M-48651 of 2019 was granted bail on 21.11.2019; the petitioner did not face trial since he was declared a proclaimed offender but subsequent to his arrest he is in custody since 21.11.2019; the petitioner undertakes to

appear before the Trial Court on each and every date; there is no other criminal case pending against the petitioner and that the trial is likely to take a long time to conclude.

Learned State counsel opposes the grant of bail on the ground that the petitioner is involved in a heinous crime.

Some of the co-accused of the petitioner have already faced trial and have been acquitted by the Trial Court; his co-accused namely Ranjit Kaur @ Rano Bai who is similarly placed as the petitioner, has been granted bail by this Court; the petitioner is no longer required for investigation purposes; there is no other criminal case pending against him and that the trial is likely to take a long time to conclude especially in the present circumstances when the world is facing the COVID-19 pandemic.

In view of the above, the present case is considered to be a fit one in which the petitioner be directed to be released on regular bail. Resultantly, subject to the satisfaction of the CJM/Duty Magistrate, Jalandhar, the petitioner is directed to be released on bail.

It is clarified that the above observations have been made only for the limited purpose of deciding the present regular bail application and the same would not be construed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

(DEEPAK SIBAL)
JUDGE

August 10, 2020

Jyoti-I Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No Whether Reportable Yes/No