

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

CRM-M No.378 of 2021

Date of Decision: 26.02.2021

Mohd. Salim @ Simu

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM :- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present:- Ms. Amandeep Kaur Gill, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Luvinder Sofat, A.A.G., Punjab.

Mr. Amit Thakur, Advocate
for the complainant.

Manjari Nehru Kaul, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C for grant of regular bail to the petitioner, in case FIR No.15 dated 24.01.2020 under Sections 302, 307, 341, 120-B, 201, 34 IPC registered at Police Station City-II, Malerkotla, District Sangrur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that similarly situated co-accused has been granted the concession of regular bail.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Kulwinder Singh, has very fairly conceded that in fact, the present petitioner is on a better footing than the accused who has been extended the concession of bail vide **CRM-M No.28205 of 2020** as only recovery of weapons used in the crime were effected from him in pursuance to a disclosure statement of co-accused. He further submits that the challan was

presented in the case on 02.05.2020 but the charges have not been framed.

Heard.

Keeping in view the fact that the petitioner has been in custody since 08.02.2020 and due to the outbreak of the pandemic Covid-19, the trial is unlikely to conclude in the near future, I deem it a fit case to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioner. Therefore, without expressing anything on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

February 26, 2021

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No