

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

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**CRM-M-5474-2021  
Decided on : 11.02.2021**

Paramjit Singh

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent(s)

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

**(Through Video Conferencing)**

PRESENT: Mr. Sandeep Gahlawat, Advocate  
for the petitioner(s).

Ms. Monika Jalota, DAG, Punjab  
assisted by ASI Manohar Lal.

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**MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (Oral)**

The instant petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 138, dated 08.08.2020, under Sections 420, 386, 120-B IPC IPC, registered at Police Station Navi Baradari, Jalandhar, District Jalandhar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that though the alleged occurrence allegedly took place on 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2020, however, the FIR was registered on 08<sup>th</sup> August, 2020, which lends credence to a fabricated and concocted case having been registered against the petitioner. He further submits that the petitioner has been in custody since 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2020 in offences triable by the Magistrate and only challan has been presented till date. Further contends that the similarly situated co-accused has since been extended the concession of bail by the learned trial Court itself.

*Per contra*, learned State counsel has opposed the prayer and submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner. She has, however, not been able to controvert the factual aspect of the submissions so made by learned

counsel for the petitioner. She has, however, submitted that charges are likely to be framed in the near future.

Heard.

In view of the submissions made by learned counsel for the parties, I deem it a fit case for grant of the concession of regular bail to the petitioner, as the trial is unlikely to conclude in the near future, more so, in the prevailing conditions due to the outbreak of COVID-19. The petition as such is allowed and the petitioner is admitted to bail to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Magistrate. However, it is made clear that anything observed hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

**(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)**  
**JUDGE**

**February 11, 2021**

*J.Ram*

*Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No*  
*Whether Reportable: Yes/No*