

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

CRM-M-5921-2020

Date of decision:16.03.2021

Pardeep Kumar @ Vicky

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present:- Ms. Gagandeep Grewal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Saurav Khurana, DAG, Punjab.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

Case is taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

Custody certificate by way of an affidavit dated 15.03.2021 of
Officiating Deputy Superintendent, New District Jail, Nabha, has been filed
through e-mail. Print out of the same is taken on record.

Through this petition, the petitioner seeks regular bail in case
bearing FIR No.80 dated 14.06.2019, registered at Police Station City-I,
Malerkotla, District Sangrur, under Sections 307, 452, 324, 506 and 354
IPC (however Sections 354-A and 459 IPC have been added and Section
354 IPC deleted subsequently).

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that though the
injuries had been declared dangerous to life, yet the fact remains that the
petitioner has been behind bars for the last more than 20 months. It is
further submitted that even as per the statement of the complainant, the
petitioner and the complainant had known each other for two years prior to
the occurrence. Yet further, the case before the trial Court is at the stage of

the prosecution evidence and the complainant and her father have already

been examined.

Learned State counsel while vehemently opposing the prayer for bail states that taking into consideration the injuries received by the complainant, particularly injuries No.4 to 6, which were declared dangerous to life, the petitioner is not entitled to be enlarged on bail. He further submits that if the petitioner is released on bail, he would tamper with the evidence.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

The petitioner has been in custody since 23.06.2019. Trial of the case would take time to conclude. Therefore, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind the bars.

In view of the above, without commenting anything on the merits, lest it should prejudice the case of either side, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

16.03.2021
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(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking?	Yes/No
Whether reportable?	Yes/No