

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATES OF PUNJAB AND
HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No.9795 of 2021 (O&M)
Date of Decision.08.03.2021
(Heard through VC)

Harpreet Singh

...Petitioner

Vs

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present: Mr. Ashok Giri, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Samina Dhir, DAG, Punjab.

Ms. Sheenam Kamboj, Advocate
for the complainant.

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JAISHREE THAKUR 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.155 dated 04.11.2020 under Sections 379-B, 120-B, 411 IPC registered at Police Station Mukerian, District Hoshiarpur.

Counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* would contend that the FIR was registered against three unknown persons and the petitioner herein was nominated in the FIR on the basis of a disclosure statement made by one of the accused arrested therein. It is also argued that there is no other case registered against the petitioner, while further submitting that the investigation is complete and the challan stands presented and therefore, the custodial interrogation of the petitioner would no longer be required. He also prays for grant of bail on the ground of parity as other persons, who had been named in the supplementary statement have already been allowed

bail by this Court vide order dated 15.02.2021 passed in CRM-M No.5950 of 2021.

Learned counsel appearing for the respondent-State opposes the bail application of the petitioner by contending that no ground for grant of bail to the petitioner is made out.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Keeping in view the fact that the challan stands presented and persons, who had been named in the supplementary statement have already been allowed bail by this Court vide order dated 15.02.2021 passed in CRM-M No.5950 of 2021 and the trial is likely to take some time to conclude, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind bars. The instant petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail on execution of adequate personal/surety bond to the satisfaction of concerned trial Court/Duty Magistrate. However, any observation made herein shall not be construed to be an expression on merits of the case.

(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

March 08, 2021

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Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No

Whether reportable Yes/No