

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

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CRM-M-12709-2021(O&M)

Date of Decision: 30.06.2021

Satbir @ Sandeep

.... Petitioner.

Versus

State of Haryana & Anr

....Respondents.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE LALIT BATRA

Present: Mr. Govind Chauhan, Advocate for petitioner.

Mr. Vikrant Pamboo, DAG, Haryana for respondent No.1.

Mr. Kulwant Singh, Advocate for respondent
No.2/complainant.

Lalit Batra, J.(Oral)

Case has been taken up for hearing through Video Conferencing.

Present petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C is for grant of regular bail to petitioner- Satbir @ Sandeep in case FIR No.820 dated 20.09.2019 under Sections 201, 328 and 376-D IPC read with Section 34 IPC and Sections 66-E and 67 of the Information Technology Act, 2000, registered at Police Station City Karnal, District Karnal.

In compliance of order dated 19.04.2021, status report has been received from Trial Court, in terms of which, statement of prosecutrix has already been recorded on 18.08.2020/19.08.2020.

Learned counsel for petitioner *inter alia* contends that version, as alleged in the FIR, is totally concocted one and there is no iota of truth therein. He further urges that testimony of prosecutrix has already been recorded by the Trial Court. He further submits that

petitioner is in custody since 21.09.2019. He further urges that since trial of the case would take sufficient time to conclude, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner in custody further and he may be released on bail.

On the other hand, learned State counsel while opposing instant petition has vehemently argued that keeping in view seriousness of offence, petitioner does not deserve the concession of bail. However, learned counsel for respondent No.2 – complainant has not opposed the bail application.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

At this stage, without commenting anything on the merits of the case lest it may prejudice the outcome of the trial but taking into consideration the fact that petitioner is in custody since 21.09.2019; that testimony of prosecutrix has already been recorded; that since trial of the case would take sufficient time to conclude, no useful purpose would be served by detaining the petitioner in custody further, thus, he deserves the concession of bail.

In view of above, instant petition for grant of regular bail moved by petitioner- **Satbir @ Sandeep** is allowed and he is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of Trial Court/ Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, Karnal, as the case may be.

30.06.2021

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(LALIT BATRA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/ reasoned : Yes/ No

Whether Reportable : Yes/ No