

HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

208 - CRM-M-20676-2021 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 27.05.2021

Sachin Batra

... Petitioner

VS.

State of Haryana

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE GIRISH AGNIHOTRI

Present: Mr. SS Salar, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr. Tapan Kumar, DAG Haryana

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

The matter has been taken up through video conferencing on account of lockdown due to outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic.

The petitioner Sachin Batra aged 29 years has filed the present petition *inter alia* with a prayer for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.006 dated 15.01.2021 under Sections 328/354/376/120-B IPC and Section 67 of the IT Act (Section 354 and 120-B IPC dropped during investigation), registered at PS Women, Kurukshetra.

Learned counsel for the petitioner by making reference to the pleadings and the contents of the FIR submits that even as per the allegations in the FIR, it was since 2018 that both the petitioner and the complainant were in contact. He further makes reference to the concluding part of the FIR wherein it has been alleged that the grievance of the petitioner primarily is that the petitioner had promised him to marry and also accept her two children but the petitioner is now not standing by the same.

Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Rajni submits that the petitioner was arrested on 15.02.2021. The challan has been presented and there are total of 12 witnesses but none examined till date. Learned State

counsel has opposed the granting of bail.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is a young boy aged 28 years. He then submitted that due to the present COVID-19 situation also, detention of the petitioner in jail would be dangerous to his life and also the fact that trial is likely to take some time, the petitioner may be granted concession of regular bail.

In view of the facts noticed above, the present situation due to COVID-19 and the fact that trial is likely to take some time, this Court deems it appropriate to direct release of the petitioner on regular bail to the satisfaction of Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned, subject to his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds.

However, it is made clear that anything observed herein shall not be construed as an expression on merits of the case.

The petition stands disposed of accordingly.

27.05.2021

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1. Whether speaking/reasoned?

2. Whether reportable?

(Girish Agnihotri)
Judge

Yes/No

Yes/No