

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

CRM-M No.23753 of 2021 (O&M)

Date of Decision:30.06.2021

(Heard through VC)

Lovepreet Singh (actual name Lovedeep Singh @ Ladi) and others
...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab
...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Amaninder Singh Sekhon, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Rashmi Attri, AAG, Punjab.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (ORAL)

This is a petition that has been filed for grant of regular bail to the petitioners in FIR No.64 dated 12.06.2020 registered under Sections 376-D, 452, 511 IPC at Police Station Sadar Faridkot, District Faridkot later on deleted offence under Section 452 IPC vide rapat No.10 dated 25.07.2020 and added offence under Section 354-B IPC vide rapat No.14 dated 27.07.2020 and Section 458 IPC vide rapat No.31 dated 31.07.2020.

Learned counsel for the petitioner herein would contend that the petitioners have been falsely implicated in the said matter. It is argued that the material witnesses have been examined, who have not supported the case of prosecution. In support of his contention, he relies upon statements of the material witnesses recorded before the trial Court as Annexures P-8 to P-10. It is further contended that the petitioners herein are in custody since 13.07.2020 and the trial is likely to take some time to conclude, therefore,

prays for concession of bail to the petitioners.

Learned counsel for the respondent-State opposes grant of bail to the petitioners by contending that the allegations levelled against them are serious in nature, however, she does not dispute the fact that material witnesses have turned hostile.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties. Keeping in view the fact that the material witnesses have been examined, who did not support the prosecution version and the fact that the trial is likely to take some time to conclude owing to present COVID-19 pandemic situation, no useful purpose would be served in 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.

June 30, 2021
Pankaj*

(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No