

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH
(through video conferencing)**

CRM-M-27671-2021
Decided on : 22.07.2021

Akashdeep

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab & ors.

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. Vikasdeep Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Luvinder Sofat, AAG, Punjab.

Manjari Nehru Kaul, J.

Instant petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.PC for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.19 dated 12.02.2021 registered under Sections 354, 354-D(1), 451 IPC, 1860 and Section 12 of POCSO Act, 2012 (added lateron) at Police Station Fattudhinga District Kapurthala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner inter alia contends that during the pendency of the instant petition the matter has been amicably settled between the parties. He submits that a petition seeking quashing of FIR has also been filed before this Court and the parties have been asked to make their respective statements qua the factum of compromise. He submits that the petitioner has been in custody since 12.02.2021 and only challan stands presented. Hence, a prayer has been made to extend the concession of bail to the petitioner.

Per contra, learned State counsel while opposing the prayer of learned counsel for the petitioner has not been able to controvert the factual

aspect of the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner. He on instructions from ASI Surjit Singh has submitted that the challan stands presented.

Heard.

In view of the submissions made by learned counsel and the fact that the petitioner has been in custody since 12.02.2021, the trial is unlikely to conclude in the near future more so in the wake of outbreak of pandemic Covid-19. Hence, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is admitted to bail to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate. However, it is made clear that anything observed hereinabove shall not be construed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

22.07.2021

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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable :	Yes/No