

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

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IN VIRTUAL COURT

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**CRM-M No. 25746 of 2020
Date of decision : 11.2.2021**

Ravi @ Lucky

.....Petitioner

Vs.

State of Haryana

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJBIR SEHRAWAT

Present : Mr. Gautam Dutt, Advocate, for the petitioner

Ms. Deipa Singh, Addl. AG, Haryana

Rajbir Sehrawat, J. (Oral)

This second petition has been filed by the petitioner under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of bail pending trial in case FIR No.5 dated 3.1.2017, registered under Sections 147, 149, 302, 323, 452 IPC and Section 25 of Arms Act, 1959, at Police Station Dadri Sadar, District Charkhi Dadri.

At the outset, the counsel for the State has pointed out that 19 witnesses have already been examined by the prosecution out of total 34 witnesses. Earlier the trial could not proceed in the right earnest because of COVID-19 pandemic situation. However, now the prosecution shall endeavour to complete the evidence at the earliest possible. Hence, the petitioner does not deserve any concession of bail at this stage.

On the other hand, the counsel for the petitioner has emphasized the fact that the petitioner has been in custody for about four years, therefore, he does not deserve to be incarcerated any more.

Having heard the counsel for the parties, this Court does not intend to interfere at this stage, to grant bail to the petitioner. However, the grievance of the petitioner qua his long incarceration cannot be brushed aside. Hence, the trial Court deserves to be directed to complete the trial in a time bound manner.

Accordingly, while the present petition is dismissed, the prosecution is directed to complete their evidence within a period of next two months from the date next fixed before the trial Court.

(RAJBIR SEHRAWAT)
JUDGE

11.2.2021
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Reportable	:	Yes/No