

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

CRM-M- 26766-2020 (O&M)

Date of Decision: January 28, 2021

Karan Arora @ Laddu

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. J.S.Dadwal, Advocate
for the petitioner.
Ms. Monika Jalota, DAG, Punjab.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (Oral)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 118 dated 27.06.2020, under Sections 379-B, 148, 149 IPC registered at Police Station Dugri, District Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner herein is in custody in the aforesaid FIR since 27.06.2020. It is inter-alia contended that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case and that the matter stands investigated and the challan has been presented and that due to pandemic COVID-19 situation, the trial is taking long time, therefore, the petitioner is entitled to be enlarged on bail.

Per contra, learned counsel appearing on behalf of respondent-State, on instructions from ASI Sunil Kumar, opposes the grant of regular bail to the petitioner, while submitting that the offences are serious in nature, however, does not dispute the fact that the matter stands

investigated and the challan has been presented.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

The petitioner herein has been in custody since 27.06.2020. In view of the fact that the matter stands investigated and the challan has been presented and that the trial is likely to take time to conclude, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind bar any longer. At this stage, without commenting on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on bail on his execution of personal bond in the sum of Rupees Fifty Thousand with one surety of the like amount 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.

January 28, 2021	(JAISHREE THAKUR)
<i>seema</i>	JUDGE
Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No