

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

CRM-M-33973-2020
Decided on : 19.01.2021

Jagraj Singh @ Raju

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Ms. Amandeep Kaur Gill, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. R.S.Khaira, 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.106 dated 03.06.2020 registered under Sections 380, 406, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 473 IPC, 1860 at Police Station City Moga District Moga.

Learned counsel for the petitioner inter alia contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the case in hand without there being any qualitative evidence on record to connect the petitioner with the alleged crime. It has been further submitted that the petitioner has been in custody since 11.06.2020 for the offences, which are triable by the Magistrate and only charges have been framed till date. Hence, there is no likelihood of trial concluding in the near future. Thus, it has been prayed that the petitioner may be extended the concession of regular bail.

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 Sartaj Singh has submitted that the prosecution evidence is likely to commence on the next date of hearing.

Heard.

In view of the submissions made by learned counsel and the fact that the petitioner has been in custody since 11.06.2020, 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

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