

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

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**CRM-M-33646-2020
Decided on : 14.01.2021**

ARJUN SINGH

... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

(Through Video Conferencing)

PRESENT: Mr. Rakesh Chander Agarwal , Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Tanushree Gupta, DAG Haryana
assisted by ASI Bahadur.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, 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. 296, dated 18.08.2020, under Sections 406 and 420 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Karnal Civil Lines, District Karnal, Haryana.

In compliance of order dated 29.10.2020, status report by way of an affidavit of Rajiv Kumar, HPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Karnal has been filed.

The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been in custody since 26.08.2020 and the trial is unlikely to conclude in the near future and no other cases of similar nature have been registered against the petitioner, hence, he may be extended the concession of regular bail.

The learned State counsel while opposing the prayer and submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner on instructions from ASI Bahadur has apprised the Court that challan was presented on

21.10.2020, however, charges are yet to be framed. On a pointed query put to

the learned State counsel as to whether the appointment letter (Annexure P-8) which was issued qua the complainant was in fact a fabricated document, the learned State counsel has submitted that no such evidence has come on record.

Heard.

In view of the submissions made by learned counsel for the parties, I deem it a fit case for grant of the concession of regular bail to the petitioner, as the trial is unlikely to conclude in the near future, more so, in the prevailing conditions due to the outbreak of COVID-19. The petition as such is allowed and the petitioner is admitted to bail to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Magistrate. However, it is made clear that anything observed hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

January 14, 2021

S.Sharma(syr)

Whether speaking/reasoned: *Yes/No*

Whether Reportable: *Yes/No*