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

CRM-M-40602-2020
Decided on : 16.02.2021

Devinder Singh @ Happy Gharu ..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab ..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. Anantdeep Sandhu, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramandeep Sandhu, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

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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.312 dated 19.11.2019 registered under Sections 379-B IPC,1860 at Police Station City Faridkot District Faridkot.

Learned counsel for the petitioner inter alia contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the case in hand and no recovery has been effected from him. He further contends that the petitioner has been in custody since 25.12.2019 and only challan has been presented as on date. Hence, there is no likelihood of the trial concluding in the near future.

Per contra, learned State counsel while opposing the prayer of learned counsel for the petitioner on instructions from ASI Sikander Singh has submitted that the petitioner is involved in another case of similar nature on which he is on bail.

Heard.

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In view of the submissions made by learned counsel and the fact that the petitioner has been in custody since 25.12.2019, 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

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