

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

CRM-M No.28181 of 2023

Date of Decision: 16.10.2023

Satish Kumar

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA

Present:- Mr. Bikram Chaudhary, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Kirpal Singh Thakur, AAG, Haryana,
for the respondent-State.

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MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA, J.(ORAL)

The petitioner herein has sought the relief of regular bail in the criminal case arisen out of the FIR bearing No.42 dated 04.02.2023 registered at Police Station Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra, under Sections 177, 406, 420, 498-A, 323, 506, 120-B IPC and Section 12 of the Passport Act, 1967.

2. Bereft of unnecessary details, the allegations, as levelled by the complainant against the petitioner in the subject FIR, are that after the solemnization of their marriage on 09.10.2022, the petitioner, along-with his family members, started harassing and maltreating her (complainant) to pressurize her to bring an amount of Rs.20 lac from her parents as he wanted to go abroad and when a Panchayat was convened to resolve the

matter, his (petitioner's) father handed over his Pass-Port to the members of the Panchayat. However, during the investigation, it transpired that the petitioner had got a fresh Pass-Port issued in his name by falsely informing the Competent Authorities that his original Pass-Port had been stolen.

3. Status-Report has already been submitted on behalf of the respondent-State (by way of the affidavit of the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Head Quarter, Kurukshetra). Learned State counsel has filed the Custody-Certificate of the petitioner in the Court today and the same is taken on the record.

3. I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner as well as learned State counsel in the present petition and have also perused the file carefully.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is behind the bars since the day of his arrest, i.e 23.04.2023 and the investigation proceedings already stand concluded and the Challan has also been presented in the competent Court and moreover, the petitioner is neither involved nor has ever been convicted in any other criminal case and in these circumstances, he deserves the relief, as prayed for in the instant petition.

5. Learned State counsel does not dispute the afore-referred factual position but he opposes the prayer of the petitioner for the grant of relief of regular bail.

6. However, keeping in view the above-discussed undisputed facts and circumstances as well as the fact that the trial of the case is likely

to take sufficient/considerable time to conclude and without commenting or expressing any opinion on the merits of the criminal case under reference, the petitioner named Satish Kumar is, hereby, ordered to be released on regular bail subject to his furnishing the requisite personal and surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned.

7. The petition in hand stands allowed accordingly.

16.10.2023
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(MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: *Yes*
Whether Reportable: *No*