

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

CRM-M-30674-2023

Date of decision : 21.6.2023

Sanjay

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKRAM AGGARWAL

Present :- Mr. Nipun Bhardwaj, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Rajiv Goel, DAG Haryana.

VIKRAM AGGARWAL, J. (ORAL)

1. The prayer in the present petition preferred under Section 439 Cr.P.C. is for the grant of regular bail to the petitioner in FIR No. 341 dated 14.5.2023 registered under Sections 380, 457 IPC at Police Station Assandh, District Karnal.

2. The FIR in question was registered on the complaint submitted by one Vinod alleging that a theft had taken place in his shop on the intervening night of 13/14.5.2023. Certain articles and Rs. 10,000/- in cash were stolen. The present petitioner was arrested on 17.5.2023 whereas certain other co-accused were arrested subsequently. A sum of Rs. 600/- is alleged to have been recovered from him.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that final report under Section 173 Cr.P.C. has been submitted. He further submits that the trial will take a sufficiently long time and no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner in custody any longer.

4. On the other hand, learned counsel representing the State of Haryana has opposed the bail application. However, as per the custody certificate filed in

the Court today, there is no other case pending against the present petitioner.

5. Keeping in view the fact that the petitioner is in custody for the last more than one month; final report under Section 173 Cr.P.C. has been submitted and the trial is not likely to concluded within a short span, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner in custody any longer.

In view of the aforementioned facts and circumstances, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court/Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, Karnal.

(VIKRAM AGGARWAL)
JUDGE

21.6.2023

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes

Whether reportable : No