

CRM No. M-42478 of 2017

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM No. M-42478 of 2017
Date of Decision : 07.12.2017

Sobat Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Raman Chawla, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Vikas Malik, Deputy Advocate General, Haryana.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J.(Oral)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No. 527 dated 09.06.2015, under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471, 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station Sadar Hisar, District.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations against the petitioner are that in the year 1996, he had got his land, which had earlier been mortgaged, redeemed by producing a forged special power of attorney in the name of mortgagee. He further contends that although the incident pertains to the year 1996, the FIR has been lodged after almost two decades on 09.06.2015. He also contends that the petitioner is 82 years of age and has been in custody since 12.10.2017.

Learned State counsel upon instructions from ASI Satish Kumar states that the investigation has been completed and the challan qua the petitioner has been filed in Court.

Heard.

In view of the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioner, especially when there is a delay of 20 years in lodging the FIR and the petitioner is 82 years old, I deem it appropriate to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioner.

Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed. Petitioner, namely, Sobat Singh is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

December 07, 2017
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(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned?</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Whether reportable?</i>	<i>No</i>