

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

210

CRM-M-22690-2018

DATE OF DECISION:09.04.2019

JASHANPREET SINGH

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. K.S. Sidhu, Senior Advocate with
Mr. Dushyant Sarvesh, Advocate
for the petitioner(s).

Ms. Tanisha Peshawaria, DAG, Haryana.

Mr. Harish Mehta, Advocate for the complainant.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No. 26, dated 14.03.2017, under Sections 302, 364, 452, 148, 149, 285 IPC and Sections 25/54/59 of the Arms Act, registered at Police Station Mansa Devi Complex, Panchkula.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is not named in the FIR wherein two co-accused have been specifically named. He also contends that the similarly situated co-accused namely Manjot Singh @ Happy has been granted regular bail in CRM-M-8272 of 2018 by a coordinate Bench of this Court on 15.5.2018. The petitioner was 21 years of age and a student of IELTS at the time of the occurrence. He is not involved in any other case. He is in custody for over 2 years since his arrest on 20.3.2017.

Learned counsel for the complainant has, however, opposed the grant of bail on the ground that the petitioner is involved in a gruesome murder and may try to influence the material witnesses, if he is released on bail.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from SI Suraj Mall, states that 12 prosecution witnesses have been examined and 24 prosecution witnesses remain to be examined. She also states that the complainant and other eye-witnesses have been examined but Doctor and other official witnesses are to be examined.

In view of the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioner, especially when the petitioner is not named in the FIR, he is in custody for over two years, the conclusion of the trial is likely to take some time and similarly situated co-accused has been granted benefit of bail, I deem it appropriate to grant him the concession of regular bail.

Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed on the condition that:-

- (a) The petitioner shall report at Police Station Mansa Devi Complex at 10:00 a.m. on every Saturday till the conclusion of the trial.
- (b) The petitioner shall not in any manner influence or intimidate the witnesses and he shall not have any contact with the material witnesses directly or over telephone or otherwise.

The petitioner shall be released on regular bail on his furnishing requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

09.04.2019.
SwarnjitS

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes / No
Whether reportable	:	Yes / No