

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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CRM-M-36862-2019 (O & M)
Date of Decision: September 10, 2019

JAGDEV SINGH

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Sherry K. Singla, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. K.K. Bheniwala, Addl. AG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No. 85, dated 24.10.2017, under Sections 419, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code ('IPC' - for short), registered at Police Station City II, Mansa, District Mansa.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged in the FIR that the petitioner was a witness to the mortgage deed on the basis of which land of the complainant was mortgaged while obtaining loan from the bank. He also contends that the loan has been returned and the land of the complainant has been redeemed. He has referred to the copy of the rapat No.13 dated 13.09.2017 whereby the land has been redeemed on the basis of clearance certificate furnished by the Manager of the Union Bank. He further contends that the petitioner is 75 years old and not involved in any other case. He is in custody for almost 6 months.

Learned State counsel upon instructions from ASI Jagjit Singh states that 15 out of 31 prosecution witnesses have been examined.

Heard.

In view of the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioner especially when the petitioner has been in custody for almost 6 months and the conclusion of the trial is likely to take some time, I deem it a fit case 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. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

September 10, 2019

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