

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

264

CRM-M-43719-2019

DATE OF DECISION: 22.10.2019

PRAVEEN SHARMA @ PRAVEEN VERMA ... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Gursimran Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.118 dated 16.05.2019, under Sections 379-B IPC, registered at Police Station Division No.6, District Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that the allegations in the FIR are that the petitioner was sitting with the auto driver and is alleged to have snatched earrings, mobile phone and one bag containing 20 kgs. of wheat flour from the complainant. He also contends that the prosecution story is improbable as it has been stated by the complainant, who is 77 years old, that while he was travelling with his wife, he has got suspicious about the driver and he jumped out from the auto but his wife remained sitting there and later on, his wife told him that the driver of the auto and the person sitting with him had snatched the articles. He further contends that the identification of the petitioner was also in doubt. The petitioner is 29 years old and is not involved in any other

case. The petitioner is in custody for over five months since the date of his arrest on 15.05.2019.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Jagir Singh, states that although challan has been presented but no prosecution witness has been examined.

Heard.

In view of the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioner, especially when the petitioner is in custody for over 05 months, he is not involved in any other case 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 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

22.10.2019.

SwarnjitS

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