

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

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CRM-M-320-2020

DATE OF DECISION: 21.05.2020

YOGRAJ

... Petitioner (s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Chandan Singh Rana, Advocate for the petitioner (s).

Ms. Bhavna Gupta, DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.231 dated 28.06.2018, under Sections 302 and 120-B IPC and Sections 25/27 of the Arms Act, registered at Police Station Jodhewal, District Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is not named in the FIR wherein co-accused Gaurav has been specifically named. The motive is also attributed to the co-accused Gaurav. The petitioner has been arraigned as an accused on the statement of the co-accused Gaurav that he had purchased pistol from the petitioner. He further contends that later on, the co-accused Gaurav had recorded his statement before the Magistrate that he had purchased a pistol from a migrant labourer and also stated that the police had obtained signatures on a blank paper and he had never made any statement against the petitioner and the co-accused Vishal. He is in custody for over 1 year 10 months.

Learned State counsel, upon telephonic instructions received from SI Daljit Singh, states that although challan has been presented before the trial Court but charges are yet to be framed.

Heard through video conferencing.

In view of the submissions of the learned counsel for the petitioner, especially when the petitioner is in custody for over 1 year and 10 months, the COVID-19 pandemic 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

21.05.2020.

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