

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-7590-2020

DATE OF DECISION: 07.10.2020

RAJA KUMAR @ RAJA AND ANR ... Petitioner (s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB ... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Ramandeep Singh, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioners are seeking regular bail in FIR No.198 dated 13.08.2019, under Sections 457, 380 and 411 IPC, 1860, registered at Police Station Division No.6, Ludhiana, District Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that the petitioners are not named in the FIR wherein it is alleged that accused had entered the shop of the complainant and stolen articles including laptop, mobile phones and cash. He further contends that the petitioners were arraigned as accused later in the course of investigation. He also contends that the petitioners are in custody for over 1 year and 1 month.

Learned State counsel upon instructions from HC Jatinder Singh, contends that the petitioners are involved in other cases. Recovery of mobile phones, LED and motorcycle has been effected from them. He also contends that the petitioners are in custody for over 1 year and 1 month. He further

contends that although challan has been filed but none out of 13 prosecution witnesses has been examined.

Heard through video conferencing.

In view of the submissions of the learned counsel for the petitioners, especially when the petitioners are in custody for over 1 year and 1 month, 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 petitioners.

Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed. The petitioners are ordered to be released on regular bail on furnishing requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned. However, the petitioners shall appear before the Police Station Division No.6, Ludhiana every alternate Monday till the conclusion of the trial.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

07.10.2020.

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