

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

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(1)

CRM-M-10332-2020

Shani Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

(2)

CRM-M-14922-2020

Ajay Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

Decided on : 09.07.2020

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE G.S. SANDHAWALIA

Present: Mr. H.P.S.Sidhu, Advocate, for the petitioners.

Mr. H.S.Sullar, DAG, Punjab.

(The proceedings are being conducted through video conferencing,
as per instructions.)

G.S. Sandhawalia, J. (Oral)

Petitioners, who are brothers, seek regular bail in FIR No.4 dated 23.01.2020 under Sections 323, 342, 354, 34 IPC and Section 8 of POCSO Act, 2012, registered at Police Station Fatehgarh Panjtoor, District Moga.

Counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners are in custody since 24.01.2020 and the co-accused, Akash Singh, who is a minor, has been granted the benefit of bail by the Juvenile Court. It is submitted that the victim was approximately just below 18 years old and the incident which has happened was on account of an relationship with one of the petitioners, namely, Ajay Singh. On account of the mother of the victim coming to know of the same, the FIR was lodged.

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It is submitted that the challan has been presented and the case is now fixed for framing of charge and therefore, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioners in custody. It is further pointed out that a compromise has already been effected at village level (Annexure P-2) in CRM-M-14922-2020 wherein it has been noted that the incident had occurred on account of some misunderstanding.

Accordingly, keeping in view the fact that the injuries upon the person of the victim are simple in nature and the petitioners have been in custody for almost 6 months and the trial is not likely to conclude in future due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the benefit of regular bail is granted to the petitioners, on furnishing of bail bonds/surety bonds, to the satisfaction of the Trial Court/Duty Magistrate, Moga. Petitioners, as such, will keep away from the victim since she also belongs to the same village and will ensure that they do not threat or coerce her, in any manner.

Petitions stand disposed of.

**(G.S. SANDHAWALIA)
JUDGE**

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Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:

Yes/No