

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

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CRM-M-12448-2020

Date of decision : 28.05.2020.

Gulab Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Pankaj Bali, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Tanisha Peshawaria, DAG, Haryana.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.534 dated 24.08.2017, under Sections 406, 420, 467, 468, 471 IPC, registered at Police Station Assandh, district Karnal.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations against the petitioner are that he had obtained loan from the Bank for a sum of ₹13 lacs by pledging 82 kanals 04 marlas of land although he is stated to own only 07 kanals 10 marlas of land. He, however, contend that 07 kanals 10 marlas of land which is admittedly owned by the petitioner is sufficient to return the loan along with interest thereon. He further contends that the petitioner undertakes to deposit a sum of ₹2 lacs with the complainant/Bank within a period of two weeks and shall also return the entire amount as per the schedule of payment settled with the Bank. He also contends that the petitioner is in custody for over 03 months.

Learned State counsel contends that although challan has been filed but none of the 11 prosecution witnesses has been examined.

Heard through video conferencing.

In view of the submissions of the learned counsel for the petitioner, especially when the petitioner is willing to return the loan amount as per the schedule; he is in custody for over 03 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. The petitioner shall also deposit a sum of ₹2 lacs with the complainant/Bank within two weeks.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

May 28, 2020
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No