

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

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CRM-M-14143-2020 (O&M)

Date of decision : 19.06.2020.

Budh Ram

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Manjinder Singh Saini, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.0058 dated 22.04.2019, under Section 379B IPC (Section 411 IPC added later on), registered at Police Station Garhshankar, district Hoshiarpur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is not named in the FIR wherein it is mentioned that a person had snatched earrings of the complainant. He further contends that the petitioner has been implicated in the instant case on the basis of his disclosure statement while he was arrested in another case bearing FIR No.18 dated 03.02.2019, under Section 379 IPC, registered at Police Station Garhshankar. He also contends that the petitioner is 23 years of age and is in custody for over five months.

Learned State counsel contends that the petitioner is involved in several other cases and after he was arrested in another case, it transpired that he was also involved in the instant case. He further contends that the petitioner is also involved in other case of similar nature registered at Police Station

Haroli, district Una, Himachal Pradesh. He also contends that although challan has been filed but no prosecution witness has been examined.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that he is not aware about the details of the case registered at Himachal Pradesh but there is every likelihood that after the petitioner was arrested in FIR No.18, he has been involved in other unsolved cases.

Heard through video conferencing.

In view of the submissions of the learned counsel for the petitioner, especially when the petitioner, who is 23 years of age, is in custody for over 05 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

June 19, 2020

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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No