

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

Sr. No.203

CRM-M-17422-2020

DATE OF DECISION: July 21, 2020

GURPREET SINGH @ GOPI

...PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. Jagpal Singh, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Randhir Thind, DAG, Punjab.

SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner seeks grant of regular bail in case FIR No. 241 dated 11.11.2019 registered at Police Station Samrala, District Ludhiana under Sections 376, 342 & 120-B IPC.

According to the FIR, the petitioner committed rape on the complainant on the false pretext of marrying her. Her parents and maternal uncle have also been involved.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been in custody since 13.11.2019. A total of 18 PWs have been cited by the prosecution but none has been examined till date. The trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date. Further, it has been submitted that the petitioner and his entire family have been falsely implicated as the petitioner had got an FIR registered under Section 302 IPC against the police personnel. The said FIR is FIR No.115 dated 08.05.2019. On account of the said reasons, the petitioner deserves to be granted regular bail.

Custody certificate dated 21.07.2020 has been produced. The same is taken on record. According to this certificate, the petitioner has undergone actual custody of 08 months and 03 days and there is no criminal case pending/decided against him.

Keeping in view the fact that the petitioner has undergone more than 08 months of custody and the trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date, I deem it appropriate to release the petitioner on regular bail.

Accordingly, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

July 21, 2020
Ankur

(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	<i>No</i>