

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-18983-2020

DATE OF DECISION: 03.09.2020

KAPIL

... Petitioner (s)

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Ravinder Hooda, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Aditi Girdhar, AAG, Haryana.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.513 dated 22.09.2018, under Sections 342, 379-B, 394, 397 IPC and Sections 25/54/59 of the Arms Act, registered at Police Station Rohtak Sadar, District Rohtak.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations in the instant FIR are that the accused had snatched a purse containing Rs.20,000/-, licence and other documents of the complainant at pistol point. The petitioner is not named in the FIR and has been arraigned as an accused on his disclosure statement while he was arrested in another case under Sections 25/54/59 of the Arms Act wherein he has been acquitted at the conclusion of the trial. He further contends that the petitioner is on bail in another case registered under Sections 148, 149, 216, 307, 120-B IPC and under Sections 25/54/59 of the Arms Act, registered at Police Station Mohana, District Sonapat. The petitioner is 26 years of age and is in custody for 2 years.

Learned State counsel upon instructions from Inspector Shamsheer Singh contends that the petitioner is in custody since 10.10.2018 and recovery of Rs.20,000/- and other documents has been effected from the petitioner. She also contends that none out of 13 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 in custody for almost 2 years, 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

03.09.2020.

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