

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

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CRM-M-20195-2020

Date of decision : 10.08.2020.

Sukhdev

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. R.N. Lohan, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Gaganpreet Kaur, AAG, Haryana.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.83 dated 11.07.2019, under Sections 302, 201, 120-B and 34 IPC, registered at Police Station Alewa, District Jind.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is not named in the FIR and has been arraigned as an accused on the statement of co-accused that the petitioner had caught hold of the deceased. He also contends that co-accused, namely, Gurdan Nanda, who was also arraigned as an accused on the statement of co-accused and alleged to have given a *danda* blow to the deceased, has been released on regular bail by the Coordinate Bench of this Court in CRM-M-5215 of 2020, on 06.03.2020. He also contends that the petitioner is in custody for over a year since his arrest on 15.07.2019.

Learned State counsel upon instructions contends that 05 out of 25 prosecution witnesses have 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 over a year; co-accused has been granted regular bail; 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

August 10, 2020
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No