

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

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CRM-M-20196-2020

Date of decision : 10.08.2020.

Parbhat Kumar

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Anterpreet Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.17 dated 19.11.2018, under Section 302 IPC (Section 120-B IPC added later on), registered at Police Station Aur, District Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar.

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 the complainant recorded after 06 days of the occurrence. The petitioner is the first cousin of the complainant. He also contends that the petitioner is in custody for over 01 year and 08 months and is not involved in any other criminal case.

Learned State counsel, *inter alia*, contends that the hammer, bricks and mobile phone of the deceased were recovered from the petitioner in terms of his disclosure statement. He, upon instructions from ASI Davinder Chand, also contends that 14 out of 30 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 01 year and 08 months; he is not involved in any other criminal case; 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