

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

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CRM-M-21465-2020

Date of decision : 13.08.2020.

Harpal Singh @ Pala

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Ms. Harpreet Kaur, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.24 dated 23.03.2011, under Sections 341, 326, 324, 323, 148, 149 IPC, registered at Police Station Nihal Singh Wala, District Moga.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations against the petitioner are that he is alleged to have caused two injuries on the complainant with the reverse side of *kirch*. The complainant has fully recovered from the injuries. She further contends that the petitioner, who is a *Dalit*, is not educated and could not appear before the trial Court earlier as he was under the impression that he is not required in this case as he had been acquitted on 05.10.2015 in FIR No.35 dated 28.04.2011, registered at police station Nihal Singh Wala by the same complainant. The petitioner was under the impression that he was acquitted in both the cases. She also contends that the petitioner is in custody since his arrest on 25.05.2020.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from SI Gursewak Singh, states that supplementary challan qua the petitioner is yet to be filed. He also

contends that the petitioner is in custody for 02 months and 12 days.

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 two 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.

However, it is directed that the petitioner shall report on every alternate Monday to Police Station Nihal Singh Wala, District Moga, till the conclusion of the trial.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

August 13, 2020
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No