

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-22441-2020

DATE OF DECISION: 14.10.2020

HUSSAN LAL

... Petitioner (s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. R.D. Rattewal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.14 dated 24.01.2018, under Sections 420, 406 IPC, registered at Police Station Phagwara, District Kapurthala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner, *inter alia*, contends that the allegations are that the petitioner has taken money from the complainant on the pretext of providing him a job in police. He further contends that the incident is alleged to have been taken in the year 2014 but the FIR was registered in the year 2018. He also contends that the petitioner, who was working as a Head Constable, has been dismissed from service and he is in custody for over 4 months after his arrest on 26.05.2020.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Parminder Singh, contends that the petitioner had earlier been absconded and is not entitled to the concession of regular bail. He further states that the petitioner is

involved in another case. He also contends that challan has been presented but none of the 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 has been dismissed from service, he is in custody for over 4 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, the petitioner shall appear before the Police Station Sadar Phagwara every alternate Monday till the conclusion of the trial.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

14.10.2020.

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