

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

CRM-M No. 23588 of 2020 (O&M)
Date of decision: 27.08.2020.

Sahil @ Shalu

..... Petitioner.

Versus

State of Haryana

..... Respondent.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Ashit Malik, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Ms. Aditi Girdhar, AAG, Haryana, for the respondent.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No. 353 dated 14.09.2017, under Sections 302, 201 read with Section 34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, besides Sections 25 and 27 of the Arms Act, 1959, registered at Police Station Ladwa, District Kurukshetra.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is not named in the FIR and there is a delay of two days in registering the FIR. He also contends that it is alleged that at the time of the cremation of the deceased, the complainant and other relatives noticed that there was a circular mark on the chest of Poonam Rani and later some villagers had informed them that she had been murdered. He also contends that no postmortem was conducted even after the relatives having noticed injury on the person of the deceased. He also contends that the petitioner is in custody for almost three years and co-accused, namely, Sunny has been granted regular bail by this

Court by order dated 13.08.2020 passed in CRM-M No. 22341 of 2020. He further contends that the petitioner is not involved in any other case and the trial of the case has come to standstill due to Covid-19 pandemic.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from Inspector Rajpal Singh, contends that the petitioner was arrested on 17.09.2017. She also contends that recovery of a live cartridge was effected from the petitioner. She further contends that all the prosecution witnesses have been examined.

In view of the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioners; especially when the petitioner is in custody for almost three years; he is not involved in any other case; co-accused, namely, Sunny has been granted regular bail by this Court, the trial of the case has come to standstill due to 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 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.

Pending application, if any, shall also stand disposed of.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

27.08.2020
Ramesh

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