

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-24594-2020 (O&M)

DATE OF DECISION: 03.09.2020

AMRIK SINGH @ ALI

... Petitioner (s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr.G.S. Sandhu, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.153 dated 31.07.2009, under Section 394 IPC (Sections 395, 323, 324, 201, 34, 148 and 149 IPC added later on), registered at Police Station Shahkot, District Jalandhar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is not named in the FIR. He further contends that the co-accused Harjinder Singh @ Heera, who has been named and attributed an injury on the left shoulder of the complainant, has been granted regular bail in CRM-M-21466 of 2020 on 13.08.2020. He also contends that the FIR is an outcome of a misunderstanding between the parties on account of a monetary dispute and the matter has been compromised between the co-accused Harjinder Singh @ Heera and the complainant. He also contends that the petitioner was under an impression that the petition for quashing of FIR has been allowed and therefore, he did not appear before the trial Court and had been declared as a

proclaimed offender. The petitioner is not involved in any other case and is in custody for over 5 months since his arrest on 05.03.2020.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from SI Sanjeevan Singh, contends that challan has been filed but no witness has 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 5 months, the co-accused had been granted 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.

However, it is directed that the petitioner shall appear on every alternate Monday before Police Station Shahkot, District Jalandhar, till the conclusion of the trial.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

03.09.2020.

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