

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-25727-2020 (O&M)

DATE OF DECISION: 10.12.2020

DHARMINDER SINGH

... Petitioner (s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Akashdeep Miglani, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramdeep Partap Singh, DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.75 dated 28.06.2020, under Sections 384, 388, 419, 420, 166A, 506 & 120-B IPC, Section 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act 1988 and Sections 67 & 67(A) of the Information Technology Act 2000, registered at Police Station Daba, Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations are that the co-accused Manjit Kaur had developed relations with the complainant and she along with the other accused including the petitioner had tried to blackmail the complainant. He further contends that Manjit Kaur has been granted regular bail by this Court in CRM-M-31366-2020 on 09.10.2020. The petitioner is in custody for over 5 months and is not involved in any other case.

Learned State counsel contends that although challan has been filed but charges are yet to be framed. He also contends that recovery of Rs.3 lakh has been effected from the petitioner.

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 has been granted bail, he is not involved in any other 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

10.12.2020.

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