

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-26230-2020

DATE OF DECISION: 10.09.2020

SHANKAR

... Petitioner (s)

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Ankit Bishnoi, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Aditi Girdhar, AAG, Haryana.

Mr. Gurinder Sidhu, Advocate for the complainant.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.91 dated 29.04.2020, under Sections 323, 325, 365, 367 and 364-A IPC, registered at Police Station NS Chopta, District Sirsa.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is not named in the FIR wherein it is alleged that 4 persons named therein had abducted the complainant, beaten him up and he was forcibly made to take alcohol. He further contends that it is also alleged that the complainant was forcibly asked to make a call to his parents that he had stolen money from the liquor shop and he has to give them Rs.30,000/-. He also contends that the complainant was left in the village on the same day and the complainant has fully recovered from the injuries. He also contends that the petitioner was arraigned as an accused on the statement of the co-accused Rohtash @ Dholu

who has been granted bail by this Court in CRM-M-21446 of 2020 on 20.08.2020. The petitioner is in custody for over 4 months.

Learned State counsel upon instructions from SI Om Parkash contends that challan has been filed but charges are yet to be framed.

Heard through video conferencing.

In view of the submissions of the learned counsel for the petitioner, especially when the petitioner is not named in the FIR, the co-accused has been granted bail, 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.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

10.09.2020.

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