

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

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CRM-M-27792-2020

Date of decision : 21.09.2020.

Lakhwinder Singh @ Lakhi

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. S.C. Sabharwal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.0195 dated 24.07.2015, under Sections 341, 323, 148, 149, 307 IPC and Sections 25/27/54/59 of the Arms Act, registered at Police Station Sadar Ferozepur, district Ferozepur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that although the petitioner has been named in the FIR but no specific injury has been attributed to him. He further contends that the petitioner had been granted bail by the trial Court but he could not appear before the trial Court due to illness and had not been communicated the date by his counsel and therefore, his bail bonds were cancelled. Learned counsel undertakes that the petitioner shall henceforth appear on each and every date before the trial Court and shall not absent himself without prior permission of the Court. He also contends that the petitioner is in custody for over 08 months since his re-arrest on 14.01.2020.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Satpal, contends that 03 out of 14 prosecution witnesses have 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 08 months after his re-arrest; 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 report to the Police Station Sadar Ferozpur on every alternate Monday till the conclusion of the trial.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

September 21, 2020

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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No