

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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CRM-M-28221-2020 (O & M)

Date of Decision: September 23, 2020

ASHWANI @ MARUTI

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Saurabh Dalal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Pardeep Parkash Chahar, DAG, Haryana.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.513 dated 22.09.2018, under Sections 342, 379-B, 394, 397, 201 IPC and Sections 25/54/59 of the Arms Act, registered at Police Station Rohtak Sadar, District Rohtak.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations in the instant FIR are that the accused had snatched a purse containing Rs.20,000/-, licence and other documents of the complainant at pistol point. The petitioner is not named in the FIR and has been arraigned as an accused on his disclosure statement while he was arrested in another case. He also contends that no recovery has been effected from the petitioner in this case. The petitioner is 25 years of age and is in custody for almost 2 years. He further contends that the co-accused namely Kapil has been granted the concession of regular bail by this Court in CRM-M-18983-2020 on 03.09.2020.

Learned State counsel upon instructions from Inspector Shamsheer Singh contends that the petitioner is in custody since 05.11.2018. The petitioner is also involved in several other cases. He also contends that none out of 30 prosecution witnesses has been examined.

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In view of the submissions of the learned counsel for the petitioner, especially when the petitioner is in custody for over 01 year and 10 months, co-accused has already been released on regular bail, 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

September 23, 2020
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Whether speaking/ reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No