

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

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CRM-M-28614-2020

Date of decision : 24.09.2020.

Paramjit Lal

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Deepak Gupta, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.123 dated 16.08.2015, under Sections 302, 201 IPC and Section 25 of the Arms Act, registered at Police Station Sadar Hoshiarpur, district Hoshiarpur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is not named in the FIR and has been arraigned as an accused on the supplementary statement of the complainant. It is a case of circumstantial evidence. He further contends that the petitioner is in custody for over 05 years since his arrest on 19.08.2020 and due to COVID-19, the trial has come to a standstill.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from SI Chanchal, contends that the petitioner is involved in several other cases and only 03 prosecution witnesses remain to be 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 05 years; 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, if not required in any other case.

In the event of his release, the petitioner shall report to the Police Station Sadar Hoshiarpur on every alternate Monday till the conclusion of the trial.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

September 24, 2020
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Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No