

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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CRM-M-29049-2020 (O & M)
Date of Decision: September 28, 2020

PULTIN BIND

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. A.S. Barnala, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.72 dated 01.03.2016, under Sections 302, 364, 341, 342, 325, 323, 506, 120-B, 148 and 149 IPC, registered at Police Station City Barnala, District Barnala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is not named in the FIR and was arraigned as an accused on the supplementary statement of the complainant wherein the petitioner along with co-accused are alleged to have given injuries with a wooden plank ('pawa'). The deceased was admitted to hospital and he expired on the next day due to cardiac arrest. He has referred to the copy of the medical opinion which is annexed as Annexures P-3 and P-4. The petitioner is in custody for over 04 years and 06 months and not involved in any other criminal case. He also contends that the trial has come to stand still due to Covid-19 pandemic.

Learned State counsel has filed custody certificate which indicates that the petitioner is in custody for 04 years, 06 months and 17 days. He upon

instructions from ASI Balkar Singh states that all the prosecution witnesses have been examined and the matter is now listed for arguments.

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In view of the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioner, especially when the petitioner is in custody for over 04 years and 06 months, 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 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 28, 2020
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Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No