

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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**CRM-M-29407-2020 (O & M)
Date of Decision: September 29, 2020**

KHATIJA @ KHUTTO @ SATIJA

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Sandeep Siwach, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Rajeev Sidhu, DAG, Haryana.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.176 dated 23.05.2020, under Sections 342, 364-A, 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station Chandhut, District Palwal.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that allegations in the FIR are that father of the complainant had been abducted by the accused, who had also tried to blackmail him. He also contends that father of the complainant is alleged to have been released unharmed after two days. He further contends that the petitioner is not named in the FIR and has been arraigned as an accused on the statement of co-accused. The father of the complainant in his statement recorded before the Magistrate under Section 164 Cr.P.C. did not name the petitioner as an accused. He also contends that the petitioner is a widow with two children and is not involved in any other case. She is in custody for over four months since her arrest on 26.05.2020.

Learned State counsel upon instructions from ASI Munim Singh states that although the challan has been filed but charges are yet to be framed.

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In view of the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioner, especially when the petitioner, who is a widow with two children, is in custody for over 04 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 29, 2020
A.Kaundal

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