

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-32815-2020

DATE OF DECISION: 27.10.2020

SAPAT

... Petitioner (s)

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Tushar Gautam, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Aditi Girdhar, AAG, Haryana.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.176 dated 23.05.2020, under Section 346 IPC, registered at Police Station Chandhut, District Palwal, Haryana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations in the FIR are that the father of the complainant had been abducted by the accused, who had also tried to blackmail him. He further contends that the father of the complainant is alleged to have been released unharmed after two days. He also contends that the victim, in his statement to the police, did not name the petitioner. He has referred to the statement of the victim at Annexure P-3. The petitioner has been arraigned as an accused on the statement of the co-accused Vinod. The petitioner is in custody for over 5 months since his arrest on 26.05.2020. He also contends that the petitioner is not involved in any other case. He also contends that the co-accused Khatija @

Khutto @ Satija had been granted concession of regular bail by this Court in CRM-M-29407-2020 on 29.09.2020.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Munim Singh, contends that challan has been filed but charges are yet to be framed. She further contends that the petitioner was arraigned as an accused on the supplementary statement of the complainant.

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 5 months, the co-accused has been granted bail, 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.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

27.10.2020.

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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes / No
Whether reportable	:	Yes / No