

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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**CRM-M-33342-2020 (O & M)
Date of Decision: November 02, 2020**

RANPREET SINGH @ RANA

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Balbir Singh Jaiswal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.132 dated 24.09.2019, under Sections 307, 379-B(2) and 34 IPC, registered at Police Station Mehta, District Amritsar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged in the FIR that the petitioner along with co-accused had beaten up son of the complainant and caused him injuries. They had snatched ₹2000/- from his front pocket. He also contends that the complainant is an Ex-Sarpanch and the petitioner was involved on account of political rivalry. He is in custody for over a year and son of the complainant has fully recovered from the injuries. He further contends that co-accused Harpreet Singh has been granted regular bail by this Court in CRM-M-18167-2020 on 03.09.2020.

Learned State counsel has filed custody certificate which indicates that the petitioner is in custody for 01 year, 01 month and 04 days. He states that the petitioner is also involved in other cases and the allegations in the instant case are serious in nature and, therefore, he is not entitled to the

concession of regular bail. He upon instructions from SI Gurnam Singh states that although the challan has been filed but none of the prosecution witnesses has been examined.

Heard through video conferencing.

In view of the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioner, especially when the petitioner is in custody for over 01 year, co-accused has been granted 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 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.

However, the petitioner shall appear before the Police Station, Mehta, District Amritsar on every alternate Monday till the conclusion of the trial.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

November 02, 2020
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Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No