

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

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CRM-M-34088-2020

Date of decision : 06.11.2020.

Surender Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. K.P.S. Virk, Advocate for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Bhupinder Singh, DAG, Haryana.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No. 405 dated 18.12.2019, under Sections 420, 406, 506, 120-B IPC (Sections 384 and 370 IPC added later on) and Section 24 of the Immigration Act, 1924, registered at Police Station Taraori, District Karnal.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that there is a delay of three years in registering the FIR. The allegations against the petitioner are that a sum of ₹1,00,000/- was paid to him for sending the son of the complainant abroad. He further contends that the petitioner was working as a salaried employee and was acting on behalf of the owner of the Firm. He also contends that the petitioner is in custody for over 04 months and is not involved in any other case.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions contends that although challan has been filed but none of the prosecution witnesses has been 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 04 months, he is not involved in any other case, 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

November 06, 2020

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