

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

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CRM-M-35675-2020

Date of decision : 23.12.2020

MANJIT SINGH

... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Amaninder Singh Sekhon, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Singh Deol, DAG, Punjab.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.139 dated 12.08.2019, under Section 307 IPC and Sections 25/54/59 of the Arms Act, registered at Police Station City Kotkapura, district Faridkot, offence under Section 324 IPC added later on through DDR No.18 dated 21.09.2019 at Police Station City Kotakpura, district Faridkot and Section 326 IPC has been added subsequently through DDR No.19 dated 22.09.2019 at Police Station City Kotakpura, district Faridkot.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged in the FIR that the complainant Phool Chand and his brother Mahavir had been caused injuries with a *kirch*. He, however, contends that it is apparent from the contents of the FIR that the brother of the complainant, namely, Mahavir had entered into relationship with Kulwinder Kaur and has started blackmailing

her. The brother of the complainant entered into compromise with Kulwinder Kaur and due to dispute with regard to the terms of the compromise, altercation took place between the parties. He further contends that the petitioner himself had received injuries in the occurrence for which DDR was lodged. He also contends that the petitioner is in custody for over 04 months and is not involved in any other criminal case.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Hardev Singh, contends that although challan has been filed but charges are yet to be framed. He also contends that the petitioner has been attributed *kirch* blows to the complainant and his brother.

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In view of the submissions of the learned counsel for the petitioner, especially when the petitioner himself had received injuries, he is in custody for over 04 months, he is not involved in any other criminal 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

December 23, 2020
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No