

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

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CRM-M-36583-2020

Date of decision : 03.12.2020

Balbir Chand @ Bira @ Balbir Ram

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Ajiteshwar Singh, Advocate for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Ramdeep Pratap Singh, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Abhay Sharma, Advocate for the complainant.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.134 dated 20.08.2020, under Sections 120-B, 148, 149, 306 IPC, registered at Police Station Maqsudan, Jalandhar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged in the FIR which has been lodged by the cousin of the deceased that the petitioner and other co-accused were harassing the deceased and not returning the money which they had owed from him. He, however, contends that the petitioner was trying to mediate between the co-accused and the deceased to resolve the monetary dispute. He also contends that the petitioner is in custody for over 3½ months and is not involved in any other criminal case.

Learned State counsel upon instructions contends that although challan has been filed but none of the prosecution witnesses has been examined.

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In view of the submissions of the learned counsel for the petitioner, especially when the petitioner is in custody for over 3½ 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 03, 2020
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No