

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

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CRM-M-39707-2019

Date of decision : 02.09.2020.

Major Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Salil Bali, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

Mr. P.P.S. Duggal, Advocate for the complainant.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.124 dated 04.09.2017, under Sections 363, 366, 376-D, 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station Guruhar Sahai, district Ferozepur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged in the FIR that the petitioner had taken away the victims on the pretext of solemnizing marriage and had left them with the other accused, who had committed the offence. He further contends that the petitioner was found innocent by the police and had been summoned to face trial on an application preferred under Section 319 Cr.P.C. He also contends that the petitioner is in custody for more than a year and is not involved in any other criminal case.

Learned State counsel has filed custody certificate of the petitioner, which indicates that the petitioner is in custody for 01 year and 10 days as on 13.08.2020.

Heard through video conferencing.

In view of the submissions of the learned counsel for the petitioner, especially when the petitioner has been summoned under Section 319 Cr.P.C. to face trial, he is in custody for more than a year, 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

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