

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

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CRM-M-41175-2019

Date of decision : 04.09.2020.

Gurpreet Singh @ Billi @ Gopi

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Veneet Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.45 dated 27.03.2019, under Section 392 IPC, registered at Police Station Shahkot, Jalandhar Rural, district Jalandhar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is not named in the FIR and has been arraigned as an accused on the statement of co-accused. The allegations in the FIR are that a mobilephone, a purse containing ₹5,500/- in cash, documents and a car belonging to the complainant had been snatched. Learned counsel further contends that the petitioner, who is 24 year of age, was falsely implicated in several cases and is on bail in those cases. The petitioner is the sole bread winner of his family which comprises his wife and one year old child. He also submits that the petitioner is in custody for over 01 year and 3 ½ months.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Harbhajan Lal, contends that the petitioner is in custody for 01 year and 3 ½ months and has been convicted in two other cases out of which one is under the Arms Act

while the other is for an offence under Section 382 IPC. He also contends that although challan has been filed but charges are yet to be framed.

Heard through video conferencing.

In view of the submissions of the learned counsel for the petitioner, especially when the petitioner is in custody for 01 year and 3 ½ months; he is 24 year of age; 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.

However, the petitioner shall report to the Police Station Shahkot, Jalandhar Rural, district Jalandhar on every Monday till the conclusion of the trial.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

September 04, 2020

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