

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

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CRM-M-45571-2019

Date of decision : 03.09.2020.

Vikas Kumar

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Vikram Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Aditi Girdhar, AAG, Haryana.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.82 dated 18.09.2017, under Sections 302, 34 IPC, registered at Police Station GRP Panipat, district GRP Ambala Cantt.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that in the proceedings conducted under Section 174 Cr.P.C., the family members of the deceased including the complainant had stated that it is a case of an accident as the body of the deceased was found at the railway track. Later on, the FIR was lodged after a week and the petitioner has been arraigned as an accused on the basis of the statement of the complainant that he was last seen with the deceased. Learned counsel further contends that the petitioner is in custody for about two years and the trial has come to a standstill due to Covid-19 pandemic. The petitioner is 21 year of age and is not involved in any other criminal case.

Learned State counsel contends that 11 out of 22 prosecution witnesses have been examined. She, however, contends that there is last seen evidence against the petitioner and therefore, he should not be granted the concession of regular bail.

Heard through video conferencing.

In view of the submissions of the learned counsel for the petitioner, especially when the petitioner is in custody for about two years; he is 21 year of age; 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 03, 2020
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No