

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

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CRM-M-48650-2019

DATE OF DECISION: 21.05.2020

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... Petitioner (s)

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Saleem Ahmed, Advocate for the petitioner (s).

Ms. Tanisha Peshawaria, DAG, Haryana.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.0141 dated 20.03.2019, under Sections 13(1) and 13(3) of the Haryana Gauvansh Sanrakshan and Gausamvardhan Act, 2015, registered at Police Station Tauru, District Nuh.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner along with the co-accused was found to be slaughtering cows. The petitioner is in custody for over a year and only 5 out of 9 prosecution witnesses have been examined and due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the trial has not proceeded for the last few months.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions received through email from HC Krishan Kumar, states that 5 out of 9 prosecution witnesses have been examined. The petitioner is also involved in other cases of similar nature.

Heard through video conferencing.

In view of the submissions of the learned counsel for the petitioner, especially when the petitioner is in custody for over a year, 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

21.05.2020.

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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes / No
Whether reportable	:	Yes / No