

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA CHANDIGARH.

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CRM-M-707-2021

DATE OF DECISION: 13.01.2021

GURMEET SINGH @ PAPP

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Ms. Satwant Mehta, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.151 dated 20.11.2020, under Sections 420, 406, 409, 465, 467, 468 & 471 IPC, registered at Police Station Bhindi Saidan, District Amritsar Rural.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that there is a delay of 9 years in registering the FIR wherein it is alleged that in the year 2011 when the petitioner was Sarpanch, he had attested two cheques for a total amount of Rs.45,000/- and which were meant for the family of one Taro, who had expired in the year 2007. She, however, contends that the cheque had been encashed by the family of the deceased and had also referred to the affidavit of the husband of the deceased Taro at Annexure P-2. The petitioner is in custody for about two months and is not involved in any other case.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Karnail Singh, states that the matter is under investigation.

Heard through video conferencing.

In view of the above, especially when there is a delay of 9 years in registering the FIR, the petitioner is in custody for about 2 months, he is not involved in any other 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

13.01.2021

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