

**In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh**

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**CRM-M-1865-2021 (O & M)  
Date of Decision: February 08, 2021**

**RAM CHARAN**

**.....PETITIONER**

**VERSUS**

**STATE OF HARYANA**

**....RESPONDENT**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL**

Present: Mr.Sukhdeep Singh, Advocate and  
Mr. Parminder Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Arun Beniwal, DAG, Haryana.

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**ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)**

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.71 dated 11.03.2000, under Sections 395, 397 and 216 IPC and Section 25 of the Arms Act, registered at Police Station Model Town, District Panipat.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged in the FIR that co-accused Kala was apprehended at the spot when he was trying to flee after scaling the wall of the school and it was found that one lady HMT watch and a torch were missing. The petitioner was arraigned as an accused on the statement of co-accused. He was arrested in the case on 29.04.2000 and released on 26.07.2001. He further contends that the petitioner was under the impression that he has been discharged from the case and did not appear before the trial Court. He was arrested on 11.08.2020 and is in custody since then. He also contends that the petitioner is willing to furnish a local surety and he would not absent himself till the conclusion of the trial.

Learned State counsel states that the petitioner had absconded for over 18 years and was arrested thereafter.

In view of the above, especially when the petitioner is not named in the FIR while the co-accused was specifically named, he is in custody for about 06 months, 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 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.

The petitioner shall furnish an adequate surety including a local surety to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

**(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)**  
**JUDGE**

**February 08, 2021**  
**A.Kaundal**

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