

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

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**CRM-M-2381-2021**

Date of decision : 26.03.2021.

**KRISHAN CHAND**

... Petitioner

Versus

**STATE OF PUNJAB**

.. Respondent

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

Present:- Mr. Agam Jund Mullanpur, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

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**Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)**

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.324 dated 17.11.2020 under Sections 420, 465, 466, 467, 468, 471, 474, 120-B IPC registered at Police Station Division No.5, Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged that co-accused Ranjit Kaur had impersonated Barjinder Kaur while submitting surety bonds for the release of the petitioner in a complaint under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act. He further contends that there is no allegation that the petitioner has himself absconded and has not appeared before the Court as and when called upon to do so. He also contends that the petitioner is in custody for over 04 months.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Sukhpal Singh, contends that although challan has been filed but no prosecution witness has been examined.

Heard through video conferencing.

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In view of the above especially when the petitioner is in custody for over 04 months, 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

**March 26, 2021**

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