

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

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CRM-M-3698-2021

Date of decision : 24.03.2021.

Harvinder Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Shiv Kumar, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Aakash Singla, Advocate for the complainant.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.83 dated 24.07.2020, under Sections 193, 465, 468, 471 IPC, registered at Police Station Shambhu, District Patiala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged that the petitioner, who is an accused in another case, had produced a false medical slip from the PGIMER, Chandigarh in his bail application with regard to the petitioner suffering from a heart ailment. He further contends that the bail was granted to the petitioner on other grounds as well including completion of investigation and the Investigating Officer had submitted that the petitioner is not required. The petitioner has already suffered for producing the alleged false OPD slip as his bail in the other case had been cancelled. He also contends that the petitioner is in custody for almost 06 months in the instant case.

Learned State counsel has filed custody certificate in Court which indicates that the petitioner is in custody for 05 months and 24 days as on 23.03.2021. He, upon instructions from SI Dhaar Singh, contends that although challan has been filed but no prosecution witness has been examined.

Learned counsel for the complainant states that in view of the serious allegations against the petitioner, he is not entitled to the concession of regular bail.

Heard through video conferencing.

In view of the above especially when the petitioner is in custody for almost 06 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 24, 2021
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No