

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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CRM-M-5338-2021 (O & M)
Date of Decision: November 12, 2021

BALJINDER SINGH

....PETITIONER

VERSUS

THE STATE OF PUNJAB

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Baltej Singh Sidhu, Senior Advocate with
Mr. Himmat Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.149 dated 14.07.2018, under Sections 406, 420 and 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station Mattaur, District SAS Nagar (Mohali).

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged that the petitioner had taken money from the complainants for sending them abroad but neither any documents were prepared nor they were sent abroad. He, however, contends that the petitioner is in custody for over 02 years and 10 months. He also contends that the petitioner is involved in several other cases of similar nature and has been granted regular bail in most of them including in CRM-M-44716-2021 on 01.11.2021, CRM-M-932-2021 on 25.01.2021 and CRM-M-3173-2021 on 28.01.2021 by the Coordinate Benches of this Court.

Learned State counsel has filed custody certificate which indicates that the petitioner is in custody for 02 years, 07 months and 17 days. He while referring to the reply contends that the petitioner has taken a sum of

₹10,07,130/- from the complainants but neither any documents were prepared nor they were sent abroad. He further contends that the petitioner is also involved in several other cases. He further states that the challan has been filed but no prosecution witness has been examined.

Heard.

In view of the above, especially when the petitioner is in custody for over 02 year and 07 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 surrender his passport.

At the time of release of the petitioner, the SHO of the Police Station, Mattaur, District SAS Nagar (Mohali) shall be informed and the petitioner shall furnish his mobile number to him. He shall keep the location of his phone on. He shall also appear before the Police Station, Mattaur, District SAS Nagar (Mohali) on every alternate Monday till the conclusion of the trial.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

November 12, 2021
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Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No