

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-5598-2021

DATE OF DECISION: 12.02.2021

GURMEET SINGH @ GOGI

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. N.S. Sodhi, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.108 dated 28.07.2020, under Sections 399, 402 and 411 IPC and Section 25 of the Arms Act, 1959, registered at Police Station Joga, District Mansa.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner and the co-accused have been arraigned as accused on the basis of secret information. He further contends that it is alleged that they were planning to commit robbery but no overt act is attributed to the petitioner. The co-accused Murari Lal @ Billu has been granted regular bail on 10.11.2020 in CRM-M-36082-2020 by this Court. The petitioner is in custody for over 6 months.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Malkiat Singh, contends that an iron 'takua' was recovered from the petitioner. He further contends that an amount of Rs.2.5 lakh was also recovered. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the money was recovered from the co-accused and not from the petitioner. Learned State counsel also contends that challan has been filed but no prosecution witness has been examined.

Heard.

In view of the above, especially when no overt act is attributed to the petitioner, allegations are that petitioner and the co-accused were preparing to commit robbery, the petitioner is in custody for over 6 months, the co-accused has been granted regular bail, 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

12.02.2021

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