

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-7085-2021

DATE OF DECISION: 19.02.2021

ASHU MEHTA

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Naveen Bawa, 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.233 dated 21.12.2020, under Sections 323, 324, 341, 379, 307, 148 & 149 IPC (Section 120-B IPC added later on), registered at Police Station Jodhewal, District Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is not named in the FIR wherein 4 co-accused have been specifically named. The petitioner has been arraigned as an accused in the supplementary statement of the complainant recorded 15 days after the occurrence wherein it is alleged that the co-accused had come along with the petitioner in the car that the petitioner was driving. It is alleged in the FIR that the accused had come armed with various weapons and had caused injuries to the complainant. The complainant has fully recovered from the injuries. The petitioner is in custody for over a month.

Learned State counsel upon instructions from ASI Surinder Pal contends that the matter is under investigation.

Heard.

In view of the above, especially when the petitioner is not named in the FIR and has been arraigned as an accused later on, no injury is attributed to him, he is in custody for over a month, , 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

19.02.2021

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes / No

Whether reportable : Yes / No