

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

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CRM-M-11012-2021 (O&M)

Date of decision : 14.07.2021.

Raj Kumar @ Raja
Versus

... Petitioner

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Navjot Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Manjinder Singh Saini, Advocate for the complainant.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in DDR No.22 dated 28.07.2020, under Sections 307, 323, 324, 341, 148 and 149 IPC in FIR No.93 dated 22.07.2020 under Sections 324, 323, 341, 148 and 149 IPC registered at Police Station Mehtiana, District Hoshiarpur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is a case of version and cross-version and there is a delay of six days in registering the DDR. Co-accused Rupinder Singh was injured in the incident and the petitioner has been attributed a *datar* blow above the right ear of the injured who has fully recovered from the injury. He further contends that the petitioner is 22 years of age and is in custody for over five months. He also contends that the father of the petitioner has expired yesterday and he has to perform the last rites.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Gulshan Kumar, states that although challan has been filed but no prosecution witness

has been examined. He also contends that it has been verified that the father of the petitioner has indeed expired yesterday.

Heard through video conferencing.

In view of the above especially when it is a case of version and cross-version, the petitioner is in custody for over five 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.

CRM-M-20520-2021

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that this application has been rendered infructuous as the petitioner has been granted regular bail.

The application is disposed of as infructuous.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

July 14, 2021
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No