

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

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CRM-M-9087-2020 (O&M)

Date of decision : 12.01.2021

SUKHWINDER SINGH ALIAS KALI

... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Gurinder Singh Hayer, Advocate for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.130 dated 14.12.2017 under Sections 379-B, 411, 34 IPC, registered at Police Station Sadar Moga, District Moga.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is not named in the FIR wherein it is alleged that a bag containing cash about ₹40,000/- had been snatched from the complainant. He further contends that the petitioner is in custody for over 02 years and 11 months since his arrest on 10.02.2018. He also contends that similarly situated co-accused, namely, Harjit Singh @ Sunny, Dharampreet Singh @ Preet and Amandeep Singh @ Amna have been granted regular bail by the Coordinate Benches of this Court in CRM-M-54066-2018, CRM-M-2325-2019 and CRM-M-39980-2019, on 25.02.2019, 25.02.2019 and 22.10.2019 respectively.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions, contends that the 09 out of 13 prosecution witnesses have been examined.

Heard through video conferencing.

In view of the above especially when the petitioner is in custody for over 02 years and 11 months, co-accused have been granted 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

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