

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

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CRM-M-9031-2020

Date of decision : 15.02.2021.

Nihal Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Achin Gupta, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.137 dated 25.08.2019, under Sections 302, 307, 323, 34 IPC and Sections 25/27 of the Arms Act (Section 27 of the Arms Act deleted and Section 30 of the Arms Act added later on) registered at Police Station Sadar Faridkot, district Faridkot.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is attributed only a *Lalkara* and a solitary *dang* blow to the injured-Angrej. He is not attributed any injury to the deceased. He further contends that the son and grand-son of the petitioner are also accused and are in custody. He also contends that the petitioner is 80 years of age and is in custody for over 01 year and 05 months.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Sukhjeet Singh, contends that 02 out of 31 prosecution witnesses have been examined. He has filed custody certificate in Court, which indicates that the petitioner is in custody for 01 year, 05 months and 07 days as on 13.02.2021.

Heard.

In view of the above especially when the petitioner is not attributed any injury on the deceased, he is 80 years of age, he is in custody for over 01 year and 05 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.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

February 15, 2021
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No