

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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CRM-M-18928-2021 (O & M)

Date of Decision: July 26, 2021

KUSHALDEEP SINGH DHINGRA

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Ravish Bansal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Sandeep Kumar Passi, Advocate for the complainant.

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Case taken up through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.152 dated 09.09.2017, under Sections 420, 149 and 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station Nehianwala, District Bathinda.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged that total amount of ₹17 lacs had been deposited by the complainant in the company where the father of the petitioner was Managing Director. He, however, contends that out of 17 lacs, ₹14 lacs had already been deposited by the co-accused in terms of the orders passed in their petitions for bail. The petitioner is in custody for over 04 months. He also contends that the petitioner shall deposit a sum of ₹2 lacs in the trial Court within a period of 15 days.

Learned State counsel has filed reply by way of affidavit of Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub Division Bhuchio, District Bathinda. The same is taken on record. He upon instructions from Sub Inspector Sukhwinder Singh states that the challan has been filed but no prosecution witness has been

examined.

Learned counsel for the complainant states that the co-accused after release on bail has lodged an FIR against the complainant under various sections of IPC. He further contends that the allegations against the petitioner are serious and, therefore, he is not entitled to the concession of regular bail.

Heard.

In view of the above, especially when the petitioner is in custody for over 04 months, 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 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.

The petitioner shall deposit a sum of ₹2 lacs in the trial Court within a period of 15 days.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

July 26, 2021
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Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No