

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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**CRM-M-20871-2021 (O & M)
Date of Decision: July 26, 2021**

SATISH BEHIL

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr.Chanakya Batta, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Sandeep Kumar Bokolia, Advocate for the complainant.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)

Case taken up through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.10 dated 25.01.2021, under Section 420 and 120-B IPC and Section 13 of Punjab Travel Professional (Regulations) Act, 2014, registered at Police Station Smalsar, District Moga.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is 67 year old person. It is alleged that the petitioner and another co-accused had taken money from 02 persons for sending them to U.S. but instead, they were sent to Mexico where they were caught and deported. He also contends that there was a delay of 1 ½ years in registering the FIR. The petitioner has been implicated just because he is the father of co-accused Atul Behl. The petitioner is in custody for over 03 months and is not involved in any other criminal case.

Learned State counsel upon instructions from ASI Mohan Lal states that the challan has been filed but no witness has been examined.

Heard.

In view of the above, especially when the petitioner, who is 67 year old, is in custody for over 03 months, he is not involved in any other criminal case, 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.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

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