

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-21372-2021

DATE OF DECISION: 05.08.2021

BALJINDER SINGH

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Baltej Singh Sidhu, Senior Advocate with
Mr. Satveer Singh Badal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.18 dated 08.02.2018, under Sections 406, 420, 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station Mattaur, District SAS Nagar (Mohali).

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged that the petitioner had taken a sum of Rs.3,16,440/- from the complainant for sending him to Canada. The petitioner is in custody for over 2 years and 5 months.

Learned State counsel has filed custody certificate which indicates that the petitioner is in custody for a period of 2 years, 5 months and 2 days. He, upon instructions from, HC Gurmeet Singh, contends that the petitioner is also involved in several other cases. He also contends that charges have been framed but no prosecution witness has been examined.

Heard.

In view of the above, especially when the petitioner is in custody for over 2 years and 5 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

05.08.2021

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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes / No
Whether reportable	:	Yes / No