

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-23882-2021

DATE OF DECISION: 13.07.2021

SURJIT SINGH

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Bhanu Partap Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Balbir Singh Sewak, Addl. AG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.94 dated 23.06.2020, under Sections 302/201 and 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station Sadar Hoshiarpur, District Hoshiarpur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been arraigned as an accused because he is the relative of the co-accused Harpreet Singh, who was allegedly in relationship with the deceased. There is a delay of 10 days in registering the FIR which has been lodged by the husband of the deceased who was residing abroad and his relations with the deceased were strained. He also contends that the cause of death could not be ascertained although it has come on record that she was being treated for a mental ailment. The petitioner is in custody for over a year. The co-accused Kirandeep Kaur and Nirmal Kaur @ Bholi have been granted regular bail in CRM-M-42566-2020 on 23.03.2021 and CRM-M-18204-2021 on 20.05.2021 respectively. Copies of the orders are annexed at Annexure P-7 and P-8.

Learned State counsel has filed the custody certificate which indicates that the petitioner is in custody for a period of 1 year and 14 days. He also contends that charges have been framed but none of the 32 prosecution witnesses has been examined.

Heard.

In view of the above, especially when the petitioner is in custody for over a year, the co-accused have been granted regular 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

13.07.2021

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