

**In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh**

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**CRM-M-24128-2020 (O & M)  
Date of Decision: October 05, 2021**

**BALVIR RAM**

**.....PETITIONER**

**VERSUS**

**STATE OF PUNJAB**

**....RESPONDENT**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL**

Present: Mr.Mandeep Kaushik, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

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**ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)**

Case taken up through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.184 dated 25.09.2019, under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471, 506 IPC, registered at Police Station Kotwali Bathinda, District Bathinda.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged that the petitioner and another accused had taken money from the complainant for sending them abroad and later they were told that it was not possible for sending them abroad but a Government job would be arranged for them. He also contends that it is alleged that a sum of ₹4,50,000/- was deposited in the account of the petitioner. The petitioner is in custody for over 02 years.

Learned State counsel has filed custody which indicates that the petitioner is in custody for 01 year, 11 months and 04 days. He upon instructions from ASI Gurmail Singh states that the challan has been filed but no prosecution witness has been examined.

Heard through video conferencing.

In view of the above, especially when the petitioner is in custody for over 01 year and 11 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.

**(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)**  
**JUDGE**

**October 05, 2021**  
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| Whether speaking/ reasoned | : | Yes/No |
| Whether Reportable         | : | Yes/No |