

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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CRM-M-29428-2021 (O & M)
Date of Decision: December, 07, 2021

GURPREET SINGH @ GOPI

....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr.Manvinder Singh Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Amarjit Kaur Khurana, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. S.S.Rana, Advocate for the complainant.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.40 dated 26.02.2014, under Sections 302, 307, 324, 148, 149, 120-B IPC and Sections 25, 54 and 59 of the Arms Act, registered at Police Station Basti Bawa Khel, District Jalandhar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged in the FIR that the petitioner and other accused had shot the deceased in front of the Gym. It is alleged that the petitioner had fired a solitary shot with .315 revolver which had hit the deceased. The petitioner is in custody for over 06 years. He also contends that the trial has come to a stand still due to Covid 19 pandemic. Co-accused namely Dinesh Kumar @ Gona has been granted regular bail by this Court in CRM-M-2196-2021 on 15.02.2021; Sukhdev Singh @ Mintu Malhi and Gurcharan Singh @ Sweety have been granted regular bail by the Coordinate Bench of this Court in CRM-M-2901-2017 on 16.03.2018 and CRM-M-8249-2018 on 11.05.2018 respectively.

Learned counsel for the complainant states that in view of the serious allegation against the petitioner, he is not entitled to the concession of regular bail.

Learned State counsel has filed custody certificate which indicates that the petitioner is in custody for 06 years, 01 month and 11 days. The petitioner is the main accused and is involved in several other cases. She further states that 07 out of 22 prosecution witnesses have been examined.

Heard.

In view of the above, especially when the petitioner is in custody for over 06 years, co-accused has been granted bail, 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.

At the time of release of the petitioner, the SHO, Police Station Basti Bawa Khel, District Jalandhar shall be informed and the petitioner shall furnish his mobile number to him and keep the location of his phone on. He shall appear before the Police Station Basti Bawa Khel, District Jalandhar on every alternate Monday till the conclusion of the trial.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

December, 07, 2021
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Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No