

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

213/2

CRM-M-32509-2021

DATE OF DECISION: 02.12.2021

VIKAS SETHI

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Veneet Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Harpreet Singh Multani, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Rajat Anand, Advocate for the complainant.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.125 dated 24.05.2021, under Sections 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 477-A, 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station Civil Lines, Amritsar City, District Amritsar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged that the petitioner, who was a Manager of the Bank had helped co-accused open various Bank accounts. The co-accused had indulged in several monetary transactions through these accounts in the name of the complainant. The FIR was lodged after the complainant had been fastened with tax liability for the transactions. The petitioner is in custody for over 5 ½ months since his arrest on 17.06.2021 and he is not involved in any other criminal case.

Learned State counsel contends that challan has been filed but no prosecution witness has been examined.

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

Heard.

In view of the above, especially when the petitioner is in custody for over 5 ½ months, he is not involved in any other criminal case, 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

02.12.2021

SwarnjitS

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