

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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**CRM-M-26726-2020 (O & M)
Date of Decision: August 04, 2021**

RAM ROOP

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr.Balbir Kumar Saini, Advocate and
Mr.Gurpal Singh Sandhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)

Case taken up through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.118 dated 29.06.2020, under Sections 14 and 15 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offence Act, 2012 and Section 67-B of Information Technology (Amendment) Act, 2008, registered at Police Station City Moga, District Moga.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged that the mobile number of the petitioner was used for opening a facebook account through which obscene photographs were forwarded. He, however, contends that the petitioner is an illiterate vegetable vendor and was unaware of the opening of facebook account. The petitioner is in custody for over a year and is not involved in any other criminal case.

Learned State counsel has filed custody certificate which indicates that the petitioner is in custody for 01 year and 27 days. He upon instructions from ASI Surjit Singh states that the challan has been filed but no prosecution witness has been examined.

Heard.

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

August 04, 2021
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Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No