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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-32001-2020 (O&M)
Date of decision: 04.10.2021

Pankaj Rajput

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present: Mr. Ashish Soi, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in this petition is for grant of regular bail in FIR No.139 dated 09.06.2020 under Sections 307, 506, 294, 148, 149, 120-B IPC and Sections 25/27 of Arms Act, registered at Police Station Division No.3, Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that as per allegations in the FIR, registered at the instance of one Raj Kumar, at about 01:25 am, some unknown persons came on a motorcycle near gate of the house and started taking names of his nephew Rishab Benipal @ Nanu and started abusing him. They were holding weapons and these persons, with intention to kill, fired upon, while the complainant and family members were sleeping. It is further submitted that in the said incident, nobody was injured and there is no

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allegation against the petitioner that he was present at the spot, as he was in jail in some other FIR. It is also submitted that as on today, custody of the petitioner is 01 year, 03 months and 07 days and challan stands presented on 11.08.2020, however, till date, charges have not been framed, though a period of about 01 year and 02 months has lapsed, therefore, the trial is not likely to start soon.

Learned State counsel has filed the custody certificate dated 02.10.2021 in the Court today. As per this custody certificate, the petitioner is involved in some other cases and he was taken on production warrants in the present FIR, on account of conspiracy with co-accused.

In reply, learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that all other accused persons are on bail and has referred to some orders passed by this Court, vide which the petitioner was granted bail in other FIRs.

Without commenting anything on merits of the case, considering the fact that the petitioner is in long custody; charges have not been framed till date and it will take some time in conclusion of the trial, this petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail subject to furnishing his bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Illaqa Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

Petition is disposed of.

[ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN]
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No