

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

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CRM-M-40558-2020

Date of decision : 27.01.2021

SHRISTI POOJA

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Gaurav Sethi, Advocate for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Chetan Sharma, AAG, Haryana.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.134 dated 03.05.2019, under Sections 364-A, 387 IPC and Sections 25/54/59 of the Arms Act, (initially registered under Section 365 IPC) registered at Police Station Ladwa, District Kurukshetra.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged that the victim was in a relationship with the petitioner and she had abducted him with the help of co-accused for ransom. He, however, contends that the victim was released the same very day and co-accused, namely, Manjeet Kaur has been granted regular bail by the Coordinate Bench of this Court in CRM-M-22537 of 2020, on 15.09.2020. He also contends that the petitioner is in custody for over 01 year and 08 months.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from SI Mool Chand, contends that the petitioner is also involved in two other cases. He also contends that 03 out of 26 prosecution witnesses have been examined.

Learned counsel for the petitioner, however, contends that the petitioner has been acquitted in one case while she is on bail in another case.

Heard through video conferencing.

In view of the above especially when the petitioner is a lady, she is in custody for over 01 year and 08 months, co-accused has been granted bail, 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 her furnishing requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

January 27, 2021
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No