

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

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CRM-M-36904-2020

Date of decision : 12.01.2021

SANJU

... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. J.K. Singla, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.108 dated 28.07.2020, under Sections 399, 402, 411 IPC and Section 25 of the Arms Act, 1959, registered at Police Station Joga, District Mansa.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner and the co-accused have been arraigned as accused on the basis of secret information. He further contends that it is alleged that they were planning to commit big robbery. He, however, contends that no overt act is attributed to the petitioner and he is in custody for over five months. He also contends that similarly situated co-accused, namely, Murari Lal @ Billu has been granted regular bail by this Court in CRM-M-36082-2020, on 10.11.2020.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Malkeet Singh, contends that the an iron pipe was recovered from the petitioner and money was also recovered from the petitioner and the co-accused. The petitioner is also involved in other cases. He also contends that challan has been presented but no prosecution witness has been examined.

Heard through video conferencing.

In view of the above especially when no overt act has been attributed to the petitioner, the allegations are that the petitioner and the co-accused were preparing to commit robbery, the petitioner is in custody for over 05 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 his furnishing requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

January 12, 2021
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No