

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

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CRM-M-38346-2020

Date of decision : 12.01.2021

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... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Nikhil K. Vashisht, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.98 dated 23.06.2019, under Sections 379-B, 411 IPC registered at Police Station Division No.1, District Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations in the FIR are that unknown persons had snatched a mobile phone from the complainant. The petitioner has been arraigned as an accused after 2½ months of the occurrence. He also contends that the petitioner is in custody for over 01 year and 04 months.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Gurmeet Singh, contends that although challan has been filed but no prosecution witness has been examined. He has filed the custody certificate in Court through e-mail which indicates that the petitioner is in custody for 01 year, 04 months and 20 days as on 11.01.2021.

Heard through video conferencing.

In view of the above especially when the petitioner is in custody for over 01 year and 04 months, 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