

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-40095-2020 (O&M)

DATE OF DECISION: 12.02.2021

MANJIT SINGH @ MINTU @ TIGER

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Charanjit Singh Jattana, Advocate
for Mr. Arshdeep Singh Brar, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.108 dated 28.07.2020, under Sections 399, 402 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 robbery but no overt act is attributed to the petitioner. He also contends that recovery of .32 bore revolver and 3 live cartridges have been effected from the petitioner. He also contends that the petitioner is alleged to be driving the car. He is in custody for over 6 months. The co-accused Murari Lal @ Billu and Gurmeet Singh @ Gogi have been granted regular bail by this Court on 10.11.2020 in CRM-M-36082-2020 and in CRM-M-5598-2021 on 12.02.2021 respectively.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Malkiat Singh, contends that besides recovery of .32 bore revolver and 3 live

cartridges, a sum of Rs.2.5 lakh was recovered from the petitioner and all other accused. He also contends that the petitioner is involved in another case bearing FIR No.157 dated 23.07.2020, registered under Section 379-B IPC.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that prior to 23.07.2020, the petitioner was not involved in any other criminal activity. He also contends that 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 6 months, allegations are that petitioner and the co-accused were preparing to commit robbery, the co-accused have been granted regular 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

12.02.2021

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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes / No
Whether reportable	:	Yes / No