

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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CRM-M-41847-2020 (O & M)
Date of Decision: November 22, 2021

SHAILENDER SINGH

....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr.Gaurav Sethi, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Kirpal Singh Thakur, AAG, Haryana.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)

Case taken up through video conferencing.

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, registered at Police Station Ladwa, District Kurukshetra (initially registered under Section 365 IPC).

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that neither the petitioner is named in the FIR nor in the statement of the victim, who is a Commission Agent, recorded after his alleged release. It is alleged that the victim had been abducted by the accused and ransom of ₹5.50 lacs was demanded. The relatives of the victim informed the police and got him released. The petitioner is in custody for over 02 years and 06 months. He is involved in another case under the Arms Act. He further contends that co-accused Manjeet Kaur had been granted regular bail by the Coordinate Bench of this Court in CRM-M-22537-2020 on 15.09.2020.

Learned State counsel has filed custody certificate which indicates that the petitioner is in custody for 02 years, 06 months and 14 days. He also contends that the petitioner was involved in another case under Sections 148, 149, 323, 506, 341, 365 and 511 IPC but he has been acquitted in that case and a complaint under the Hindu Marriage Act is also pending against the petitioner. He upon instructions from Sub Inspector Ravinder Singh states that 09 out of 26 prosecution witnesses have been examined.

Heard.

In view of the above, especially when the petitioner is in custody for over 02 years and 06 months, co-accused has been granted bail, 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 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

November 22, 2021
A.Kaundal

Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No