

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

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CRM-M-47214-2021 (O&M)

Date of decision: 13.12.2021

ANKIT PANDEY

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Munish Behl, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Surender Singh, AAG Haryana.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

Through this petition, the petitioner seeks regular bail in case bearing FIR No.204 dated 09.05.2020 registered under Sections 323, 34, 341, 365, 387, 506 IPC and Section 25 of the Arms Act (Section 325 and 364-A IPC added later on), at Police Station Ambala Cantt. District Ambala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has falsely been implicated in the present case; that the petitioner has been in custody since 10.05.2020 and that the complainant along with his brother and father, while appearing as PW-2, PW-3 and PW-4, before the trial Court, have not supported the prosecution version.

On the other hand, while opposing the prayer for grant of regular bail to the petitioner, learned State counsel does not dispute the custody period of the petitioner. He, however, submits that out of 27 prosecution witnesses, only 5 have been examined, so far.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

The petitioner has been in custody since 10.05.2020. Complainant, his father and brother have not supported the prosecution version. Prosecution witnesses are yet to be examined. In such circumstances, the trial of the case would take a long time to conclude. Therefore, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind the bars.

In view of the above, without commenting anything on the merits, lest it should prejudice the case of either side, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

13.12.2021

Aman Jain

Whether reasoned/speaking?

Yes/No

Whether reportable?

Yes/No