

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

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CRM-M-41487-2019

Date of decision : 09.11.2021.

Harjit Singh @ Babbu

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Anurag Arora, Advocate for
Mr. Jasmeet Singh Ghumman, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.180 dated 26.08.2018 under Sections 365, 384, 392, 224, 115, 120-B IPC, Section 25 of the Arms Act and Sections 21 and 22 of the NDPS Act registered at Police Station Division No.7, District Police Commissionerate Jalandhar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is not named in the FIR and has been arraigned as an accused on the statement of co-accused from whom incriminating articles including pistol, revolver, 11 live cartridges and 400 grams intoxicant powder containing Diphenoxylate Hydrochloride were recovered. No recovery has been effected from the petitioner and he is in custody for over 2 ½ years since his arrest on 27.02.2019.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from SI Surjit Singh, states that although challan has been filed but charges are yet to be framed. He also contends that the petitioner is involved in other cases.

Heard.

In view of the above especially when the petitioner is not named in the FIR, no recovery has been effected from him, he is in custody for over 2 ½ years, 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

November 09, 2021
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No