

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-52243-2019

DATE OF DECISION: 15.09.2021

GURWINDER SINGH @ GINDA

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Sandeep Arora, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

Case taken up through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.73 dated 19.07.2019, under Sections 294, 384, 503, 34 IPC and Section 66 of the Information Technology Act, 2000, registered at Police Station Bhargo Camp, Jalandhar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the it is alleged that the petitioner and his wife were blackmailing the family of the complainant on the pretext of uploading objectionable photographs taken after administering intoxicant substance. The petitioner is in custody for over 8 months.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Vijay Kumar, contends that 1 out of 20 prosecution witness has been examined. He further contends that in view of the serious allegations against the petitioner, he is not entitled to the concession of regular bail.

Heard.

In view of the above, especially when the petitioner is in custody for over 8 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

15.09.2021

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