

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

**204**

**CRM-M-6879-2022**

Date of decision : 23.08.2022

Bhupinder Singh alias Vicky

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

**CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL**

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

Mr. Arun William, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Paramjit Singh Jammu, Advocate for the complainant.

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**Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)**

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.37 dated 08.04.2019 under Section 302 IPC registered at Police Station Kartarpur, District Jalandhar Rural.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been arraigned as an accused merely on suspicion by the complainant. It is alleged that Balbir Singh, who was the Head Sewadar of the temple, had been stabbed with a knife. The complainant had alleged that the deceased had informed him that he had been given knife blows by the petitioner. He, however, submits that the deceased had received multiple stab wounds early in the morning and had immediately thereafter expired. He, thus, could not have been in a position to disclose the name of the petitioner. The Doctor had stated that the deceased was brought dead in the hospital. It is alleged that the parents of the petitioner were the followers of the Head Priest and were staying at the temple. He also submits that the motive attributed to the petitioner is weak as it is stated that the Head Priest would interfere in the family matters of the petitioner which was not

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to the petitioner's liking. He also contends that the petitioner is in custody for over 3 ½ years and is not involved in any other criminal case.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Jaswinder Singh, states that 11 out of 23 prosecution witnesses have been examined. He also submits that besides the statement of the complainant, there is another witness living in the neighbourhood who had seen the petitioner running away with a bag in his hand. He has filed the custody certificate in Court, which indicates that the petitioner is in custody for three years and four months as on 22.08.2022.

Learned counsel for the complainant submits that there had been 28 injuries on the deceased and in view thereof, the petitioner is not entitled to the concession of regular bail.

Heard.

In view of the above especially when the petitioner is in custody for over three years and four months, he is not involved in any other criminal case, 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**

**August 23, 2022**  
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| Whether Reportable        | : | Yes/No |