

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

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CRM-M-11308-2021

Date of decision : 06.01.2022.

Ranjit Singh @ Ajit Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Harchand Singh Batth, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Karanbir Singh, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Ranwant Singh Sangha, Advocate for the complainant.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.65 dated 20.07.2017, under Sections 302, 307, 324, 120-B, 148, 149 IPC and Sections 25, 27 of the Arms Act, registered at Police Station Khalra, District Tarn Taran.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is not named in the FIR wherein seven co-accused have been specifically named. The petitioner has been arraigned as an accused later on the statement of an injured. No motive is attributed to the petitioner. The petitioner is in custody for over four years and five months and is not involved in any other criminal case. Co-accused Jugraj Singh @ Sukhraj Singh, who was also not named in the FIR has been granted regular bail by the Coordinate Bench of this Court in CRM-M-4475-2018, on 27.03.2018 and co-accused Harmandeep Singh, who had been specifically named in the FIR, was granted regular bail in CRM-M-4881 of 2019 on 08.02.2019 as no overt act has been attributed to him.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Satnam Singh, states that an application under Section 319 Cr.P.C. for summoning additional accused had been allowed and thereafter, witnesses have to be examined. He also contends that initially examination-in-chief of 03 prosecution witnesses have been conducted but they have to be cross-examined on 31.01.2022. There are total 41 prosecution witnesses.

Learned counsel for the complainant, however, 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 not named in the FIR, he is in custody for over four years and five months, he is not involved in any other 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

January 06, 2022
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No