

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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CRM-M-28783-2022 (O & M)

Date of Decision: July 13, 2022

BALWINDER SINGH @ SONU

....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr.Avtar Singh Bhatti, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Kanica Sachdeva, AAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.230 dated 15.10.2020, under Sections 302, 394, 34 IPC and Sections 25 and 27 of the Arms Act (Section 120-B and 201 IPC added later on), registered at Police Station Adampur, District Jalandhar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that it is alleged in the FIR that 04 persons had entered the bank premises and looted cash amounting to Rs.6 lacs approximately. In that process, a security guard was killed while another person was injured. Four persons, who are allegedly involved in the case, had been identified in the CCTV footage. The petitioner is not among those four persons and has been arraigned as an accused on the alleged statement of co-accused that he had handed over fire arms and Rs.85,000/- to the petitioner. The petitioner is in custody for over 01 year and 07 months. Prior to the registration of the instant case, the petitioner was not involved in any other case and now after his arrest, he has been involved in another matter on the basis of his statement.

Learned State counsel that in view of the serious allegation against the petitioner, he is not entitled to the concession of bail. She upon instructions from ASI Bhupinderpal Singh states that none of the 39 prosecution witnesses has been examined.

Heard.

In view of the above, especially when the petitioner is in custody for over 01 year and 07 months, 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 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

July 13, 2022
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Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No