

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

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CRM-M-32996-2021

Date of decision : 28.01.2022.

Gurcharan Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Nitin Sachdeva, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mrs. Amarjit Kaur Khurana, DAG, Punjab.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.180 dated 13.06.2021 under Sections 379-B, 34 IPC registered at Police Station Division No.2, District Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged that the petitioner had snatched a mobile phone from the complainant. He, however, contends that the petitioner, who is a labourer, is in custody for over seven months since his arrest on 14.06.2021 and is involved in three other cases in which he is on bail.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Gurmehal Singh, states that although challan has been filed but no prosecution witness has been examined so far. She has filed reply by way of an affidavit of Assistant Commissioner of Police(Central), Ludhiana in Court, which is taken on record.

Heard.

In view of the above especially when the petitioner is in custody for over seven 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.

At the time of release of the petitioner, the SHO, Police Station Division No.2, Ludhiana shall be informed. The petitioner shall appear before the concerned SHO on first Monday of every month and shall furnish his mobile number to him/her. The petitioner shall also keep the location of his phone on till the conclusion of the trial.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

January 28, 2022
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No