

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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**CRM-M-39632-2021 (O&M)
DATE OF DECISION: 11.05.2022**

JAGTAR SINGH ALIAS TARRI

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Manpreet Singh Longia, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. TPS Chawla, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Vijay Lath, Advocate for the complainant.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.100 dated 12.09.2018, under Sections 406, 420, 120-B IPC (Section 471 IPC added later on) registered at Police Station Morinda, District Rupnagar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner had entered into an agreement to sell with the complainant for a property which did not belong to him. He, however, contends that to recover the amount received by the petitioner, the wife of the petitioner namely Manjit Kaur was pressurized to execute the sale deed in the names of the grand sons of the complainant. She thereafter had filed a civil suit for declaring the sale deed to be illegal. The petitioner is in custody for over 2 years and 6 months.

Custody certificate filed by the learned State counsel is taken on record which indicates that the petitioner is in custody for 2 years, 6 months and 11 days. Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Jaswinder Singh, contends that 1 out of 19 prosecution witnesses has been examined.

Learned counsel for the complainant states 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 2 years and 6 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.

Criminal miscellaneous application also stands disposed of

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

11.05.2022

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