

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-47595-2021

DATE OF DECISION: 29.04.2022

SATPAL SINGH ALIAS SATTU

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Jasvir Singh Dhaliwal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. TPS Chawla, DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.151 dated 08.10.2012, under Sections 406, 420, 467, 468, 471 & 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station Shambhu, District Patiala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged that the petitioner had taken away an amount of Rs.45 lakh from the complainant along with the other co-accused in the garb of agreement to sell. He further contends that no recovery has been effected from the petitioner. It is alleged that agreement to sell was entered by defrauding the owner of the land. The possession of the land remains with the owner. The co-accused have been convicted at the conclusion of the trial and sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for a period of 3 years. He also contends that the petitioner is also involved in two other cases. The petitioner is in custody for over 1 year and 5 months.

Custody certificate filed by the learned State counsel is taken on record which indicates that the petitioner is in custody for 1 year, 6 months and 7 days. He, upon instructions from ASI Mohar Singh, contends that 2 out

of 22 prosecution witnesses have been examined. He also contends that the petitioner is also involved in two other cases.

Heard.

In view of the above, especially when the petitioner is in custody for over 1 year 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.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

29.04.2022

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