

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

CRM-M-52704-2021

Date of Decision: 2nd February, 2022

Balbir Chand @ Sonu Chikkarh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN

Present: Mr. Sandeep Arora, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Kumar, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J. (Oral)

1. Due to COVID-19 situation, the Court is convened through video conference.
2. This petition is filed for grant of regular bail in FIR No. 139, dated 8th August, 2021, under Sections 307, 353, 186, 332, 323, 427, 506, 148 and 149 IPC and Sections 3 and 4 of the Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act, 1984, registered at Police Station Shahkot, District Jalandhar Rural.
3. The allegations are that the petitioner was part of the mob which protested outside the police station for in-action of police in an FIR under Section 302 IPC. Petitioner was nominated on a disclosure statement of Jagtar Singh @ Kaali, stating that the petitioner was part of the unlawful assembly which attacked police officials and damaged public property.
4. Bail is sought on the ground that the petitioner is in custody

since 22nd August, 2021. The investigation is complete and the injuries sustained by the police officials were declared simple and co-accused was granted bail by this Court.

5. Learned counsel for the State relies upon the pleadings on the status report dated 1st February, 2022. He submits that the petitioner is involved in five more cases.

6. Without commenting on the merits of the case, considering that name of the petitioner surfaced in a disclosure statement; investigation is complete; co-accused were granted bail by this Court; conclusion of the trial is likely to take time; and no useful purpose would be served by depriving the petitioner of his personal liberty, the petitioner is granted bail, subject to his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate concerned.

7. The petition is allowed.

8. It is clarified that observations made here-in-above shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

2nd February, 2022

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Whether Speaking/Reasoned: YES/~~NO~~
Whether Reportable: YES/NO