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

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Date of Decision: 12.07.2024.

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....Petitioner.

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Yashpal Thakur, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. D.S. Brar, Senior Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.260 dated 03.09.2020 (Annexure P-1), under Sections 399, 402, 411, 420, 465, 468 IPC and Sections 25/54/59 of Arms Act, registered at Police Station Mandi Gobindgarh, District Fatehgarh Sahib.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is alleged in the FIR, which was registered on the basis of secret information, that accused were planning to commit decoity. There is no allegation that any attempt was made to commit dacoity. Four persons were arrested and on the statement of co-accused, the petitioner was arraigned as accused. The alleged recovery of three pistols and five cartridges is stated to have been effected from the



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petitioner. The petitioner had earlier been granted regular bail by this Court, vide order dated 06.12.2021, but he could not appear before the Court as he had been arrested in another case and, therefore, his bail was cancelled and bonds were forfeited. The petitioner is now in custody for 02 years.

3. Custody certificate filed by the learned State counsel is taken on record which indicates that the petitioner is in custody for 02 years and 08 days. Learned State counsel, upon instructions, submits that only two prosecution witnesses have been examined. He also states that in view of the serious allegations against the petitioner, he is not entitled to the concession of regular bail.

4. Heard.

5. The petitioner was arraigned as accused on the statement of co-accused. It was alleged that the accused persons were planning to commit dacoity. The petitioner is in custody for over 02 years 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.

6. 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

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