

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

**CRM-M No.29346 of 2015
Date of Decision: 18.09.2015**

Surjeet Singh Kohli

..... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present: Mr. R.S.Bains, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Kirat Singh Sidhu, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondent along with SI Sukhdev Singh.

JASWANT SINGH, J. (Oral)

The prayer is for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.19 dated 13.02.2015, under Sections 16/17/18/18-B/20 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 and Section 25/54/59 of the Arms Act, registered with Police Station Nurpur Bedi, District Rupnagar, Punjab.

The petitioner is stated to be 70 years old Canadian citizen, living in Canada for over 45 years.

As per the allegations, the petitioner is stated to have financed a sum of ₹50,000/- for carrying out the alleged unlawful/terrorist activities to one Parminder Singh @ Kala, who is alleged to have links with known terrorists.

Learned Counsel for the petitioner submits that a false case has been foisted upon him apart from the fact that on the reading of the allegations, no offence is made out. He further submits that similar allegations, made against other accused in other cases, have since been granted bail.

The petitioner is stated to be in custody since 06.03.2015.

Learned State Counsel, on instructions from SI Sukhdev Singh, submits that the investigation is over and challan has been presented .

Without commenting on the merits of the case, keeping in view the custody period and the fact that the investigation is over and the trial would take considerable period of time, no purpose would be served to keep the petitioner/accused in custody any longer, the prayer for regular bail is allowed and accordingly, he is ordered to be released on bail subject to heavy surety bonds to the satisfaction of CJM/Duty Magistrate, Rupnagar.

The passport of the petitioner, if not already surrendered, shall be surrendered forthwith.

Disposed of.

September 18, 2015

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**(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE**