

CRM-M-10862-2016

Date of Decision : 12.05.2016

Ranjit Singh @ Bittu

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.M.S. BEDI**Present:** Mr. P.S. Ahluwalia, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Jashanpreet Singh, AAG, Punjab.

M.M.S. BEDI, JUDGE (ORAL)

This is third application of petitioner for grant of regular bail, first two applications having been dismissed as withdrawn.

Counsel for the petitioner when confronted with the changed circumstances, it has been informed that originally the FIR was registered under Sections 405, 412, 420, 471, 473, 120-B, 392 and 382 IPC along with offences under the NDPS Act and the Arms Act but now the charges have been framed under Section 465, 471 and 120-B IPC only besides Section 25 of the Arms Act.

The FIR in the present case was registered on the basis of secret information by ASI Gurmit Singh alleging that the petitioner along with five other named co-accused and some others had formed a gang and they used to indulge in activities like robbing of the vehicles and cash etc. at pistol point on the highways and used to snatch vehicles and use them by fixing forged number plates besides indulging in the activities of smuggling of drugs. The challan has already been presented against the petitioner.

So far as the petitioner is concerned, he was allegedly found in possession of pistol and forged voter card and driving licence besides two live cartridges. Recoveries have already been effected. The petitioner has been in custody with effect from 14.04.2015.

Prosecution has already examined four witnesses. All the witnesses appeared to be official witnesses. Chances of tampering with the evidence is remote.

Petitioner, in said circumstances, can be granted the concession of bail. Petition is allowed. Petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

(M.M.S. BEDI)
JUDGE

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