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

CRM-M-24968 of 2017

Date of decision: July 24, 2017

Manish Bhardwaj

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A.B. CHAUDHARI

Present: Mr. Animesh Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sharad Kumar Yadav, DAG Haryana.

A.B. CHAUDHARI, J (Oral)

Heard learned counsel for the rival parties.

Petitioner seeks grant of regular bail in FIR No.103 dated 11.02.2017, under Sections 120-B, 420, 467, 468, 471, of Indian Penal Code, 1860, Sections 13, 7, 8 of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and Section 25 of Arms Act, 1959, registered at Police Station Civil Lines, District Gurgaon. Petitioner was arrested and is in jail.

Petitioner is having a licence for carrying 7 weapons and the bullets. He claims to be a shooter and was also rewarded by the State Government. The petitioner was arrested in the aforesaid FIR on having 14 arms in place of 7 and 8762 bullets. Undoubtedly, the offence committed by the petitioner is serious. However, looking to the fact that the trial will take its own time and since there is no other case against him, there is no point in continuing his detention as under trial.

In that view of the matter, this petition is allowed. Petitioner shall be released on bail subject to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned. Petitioner shall not tamper, influence or threaten the prosecution witnesses. State Government is directed to take up proceedings of cancellation of licence of the petitioner.

(A.B. CHAUDHARI)
JUDGE

July 24, 2017

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Whether speaking/ reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No