

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

CRL. MISC. No.M-33917 OF 2017 (O&M)
DATE OF DECISION : 18th SEPTEMBER, 2017

Sarabjit Singh

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.... Respondent

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

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Present : Mr. Ranjit Saini, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramandeep Sandhu, Sr. D.A.G. Punjab.

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A. B. CHAUDHARI, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner has filed this petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. seeking regular bail in FIR No.15 dated 24.08.2017 registered under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471, 120-B IPC; Section 25 of the Arms Act and Sections 13(1)(d) read with Section 13(2) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, Police Station Vigilance Bureau Jalandhar.

Heard learned counsel for the rival parties.

The allegation against the petitioner is that for obtaining licence under the Arms Act he had suppressed the material fact relating to the registration of FIR against him. The petitioner was arrested in this case on 24.08.2017.

Learned State counsel submits that petitioner had misled the authorities in respect of the licence and therefore, no bail should be granted to the petitioner.

In my opinion, looking to the nature of offence namely suppression of FIR for obtaining licence under the Arms Act and looking to the period of detention of the petitioner in jail and further fact that the trial will take its own time, there is no point in continuing the detention of the petitioner as under trial.

In that view of the matter, I am inclined to grant bail to the petitioner. Hence, I make the following order:

ORDER

- (i) The CRL. MISC. No.M-33917 OF 2017 is allowed.
- (ii) The petitioner be released on bail to the satisfaction of the concerned CJM/Duty Magistrate.

18th SEPTEMBER, 2017
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(A. B. CHAUDHARI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: *Yes* *No*

Whether Reportable: *Yes* *No*