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

**CRM-M No.42881 of 2017
Date of Decision: 08.12.2017**

Sulakhan Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present: Mr. G.B.S. Gill, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr.Luvinder Sofat, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab.

SUDIP AHLUWALIA, J. (ORAL)

In this petition, the petitioner seeks his release on regular bail in F.I.R. No.209, dated 25.08.2017, under Sections 452, 427, 506, 436, 511, 34 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code and Sections 25/54/59 of the Arms Act and Section 3 of the Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act, registered at Police Station Lambi, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

2. The petitioner is in detention since 31.08.2017.

3. Perusal of the F.I.R. goes to show that the name of the petitioner therein was mentioned purely on account of suspicion. The only available material against him is the statement of a witness Nachhatar Singh

recorded under Section 164 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, who claims to have “overheard” on the conversation transpiring in the meeting allegedly held by the petitioner along with the co-accused persons.

4. Without commenting on the quality of available evidence against the petitioner at this stage, but considering the long detention undergone by him, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner, namely Sulakhan Singh son of Baljinder Singh, is directed to be released on regular bail subject to appropriate terms and conditions to the satisfaction of the Ld. Trial Court.

08.12.2017

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**(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE**

1. Whether speaking/ reasoned : Yes/ No

2. Whether reportable : Yes/ No