

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

CRM-M-21352-2018 (O&M)

Date of Decision:-3.7.2018

Fateh Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Amit Arora, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Kuldeep Singh, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J.(Oral)

Petitioner Fateh Singh has filed this petition seeking grant of regular bail in respect of a case registered against him vide FIR No.136 dated 18.10.2017 under Sections 392, 342 and 506 Indian Penal Code, 1860 (offence under Sections 395/411 and 120-B of IPC were added later on) and Section 25 of Arms Act at Police Station Goindwal Sahib, District Tarn Taran.

The allegations in nutshell are that a dacoity had taken place at Punjab National Bank, Branch Village Jamarai on 18.10.2017, in which an amount of ₹ 6,63,945/- was looted at the gun point by four unidentified persons. It is the case of the prosecution that subsequently the petitioner was arrested in connection with FIR No.120 dated 26.10.2017 under Section 21 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 and that during

the course of investigation of the said case, he suffered a disclosure statement to the effect that he had participated in the dacoity at Punjab National Bank, Branch at Village Jamarai on 18.10.2017. It is also the case of the prosecution that out of the looted amount of ₹ 6,63,945/- an amount of ₹ 1.65 lacs as well as .315 bore pistol along with three live cartridges were recovered from the petitioner.

The present petitioner has been behind the bars since 8.11.2017. In other words, he has been behind the bars since last about 8 months. Conclusion of trial is likely to take some time. No useful purpose will be served by detaining the petitioner behind bars any further. In view of abovesaid circumstances, the present petition is accepted and the petitioner-Fateh Singh is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned.

This petition stands disposed of accordingly.

3.7.2018

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(Gurvinder Singh Gill)
Judge

Whether speaking /reasoned Yes / No

Whether Reportable Yes / No