

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-30425-2018

Date of Decision: July 26, 2018

Satnam Singh @ Satta

.....Petitioner(s)

versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. Ravinder Singh Bains, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Kirat Singh Sidhu, DAG, Punjab.

Sudhir Mittal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner-Satnam Singh @ Satta seeks grant of regular bail in case FIR No.0044, dated 05.06.2017, registered at Police Station Mukandpur, District SBS Nagar, Punjab, under sections 121/121-A/120-B IPC, sections 10/13/15/16/17/18 of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 and section 25 of the Arms Act, 1959

The petitioner is not named in the FIR. He has been arrested on the basis of statement of co-accused-Balwant Singh who has stated that weapons were procured by him from Uttar Pradesh through the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that co-accused -Balwant Singh has been granted regular bail by this Court vide order dated 06.07.2018, passed in **CRM-M-10616-2018**. One weapon was recovered from the said person whereas no recovery has been effected from the petitioner. Thus, on the principle

of parity, the petitioner also deserves to be released on regular bail. Moreover, investigation is complete and the trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date.

Learned State counsel vehemently opposes the prayer on the ground that the petitioner has admitted in his disclosure statement that he supplied weapons to the co-accused.

Considering the fact that the co-accused has already been granted regular bail, the petitioner is also entitled to the same treatment especially in view of the fact that the trial is likely to take long time to be concluded and there is no case pending against the petitioner. The evidentiary value of his disclosure statement shall be determined during the trial and it would be pre-mature to comment thereupon.

In view of the above, this petition is allowed and the petitioner-Satnam Singh @ Satta, is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned trial Court concerned at SBS Nagar.

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JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes
Whether Reportable :	No