

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

CRM-M-50800-2018

Date of decision:15.01.2019

Gurjit Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present: Ms. Gursharan K. Mann, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Simranjeet Kaur, AAG, Punjab.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner seeks grant of regular bail in case registered vide FIR No.84 dated 19.05.2017 under Sections 363, 366, 365, 307, 379-B, 506, 34, 364 of Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Sections 25 of Arms Act, Police Station Ajnala, District Amritsar Rural.
2. The FIR was lodged at the instance of Dr. Munish Kumar Shorey, who has stated that on 18.05.2017 when he was going in his car, then his car was stopped by another car from which 3 persons came out, 2 of whom

were having pistols and gave beatings to him and asked him to give ₹2 crores, failing which he would be killed. When the complainant told them that he is not in a position to arrange such a huge amount in such a short time, they forced him to talk to his wife over a phone asking her to hand over the amount which is lying in the complainant's house to his friend namely Varun. It is further alleged in the FIR that upon asking of the complainant one of the accused disclosed name as Gopi Ghanshampuriah and claimed that he is involved in several murders and robberies. It is further case of the prosecution that in this manner an amount of ₹7.5 lakhs was extorted from the complainant.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is not named in the FIR and has been nominated as accused solely on the basis of disclosure statement made by co-accused Gurjeet Singh @ Ladda.
4. While opposing the application, learned State counsel has submitted that in view of the serious nature of the allegations, no case for grant of bail is made out. It has however been informed that challan has already been submitted.
5. Having considered rival contentions addressed before this Court and bearing in mind that challan has already been presented and that the petitioner has been behind bars since last more than 7 months and that conclusion of trial, in its normal course, is likely to take some time, in my opinion, no fruitful purpose would be served by further detaining the petitioner behind bars. Accordingly, petitioner 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.

6. This petition stands accepted accordingly.

15.01.2019
Gaurav Sorot

(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned / speaking? **Yes / No**

Whether reportable? **Yes / No**