

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

205-2

CRM-M-3815-2020

Date of decision: 31.08.2020

Ashish

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN KUMAR TYAGI

Present : Mr. Vikas P. Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Naveen Singh Panwar, DAG, Haryana
for the respondent-State.

ARUN KUMAR TYAGI, J (ORAL)

(The case has been taken up for hearing through video conferencing.)

The petitioner has filed the present (first) petition under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (for short, "the Cr.P.C.") for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.208 dated 01.11.2019 registered under Sections 307, 511 and 120-B read with Section 34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (for short, "IPC") and Section 25 of the Arms Act, 1959 at Police Station Behal, District Bhiwani.

The above said FIR was registered on statement of Rakesh Sharma who alleged that on 01.11.2019 when he was sitting in his showroom, two unknown persons came on a motorcycle and stopped their motorcycle near their shop. The pillion rider alighted from the motorcycle and put pistol on his chest and pulled the trigger but the pistol did not work. Thereupon, he fled from the spot with his co-accused.

The petitioner, who is in custody since 14.11.2019, has filed the present petition for grant of regular bail.

The petition has been opposed by the learned State counsel. However, no reply has been filed by the respondent-State.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned State counsel and gone through the relevant record.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case on the basis of another case of similar nature in similar manner. The petitioner was not named in the FIR. The FIR was registered against unknown persons. The petitioner has been implicated in the case on the basis of disclosure statement. As per the prosecution version, co-accused Sanjay had fired upon the complainant who has not been arrested as yet. Challan has been filed in the case but the trial is likely to take long time as the trial is yet to commence. No useful purpose will be served by further detention of the petitioner in custody. Therefore, the petitioner may be granted regular bail.

On the other hand, learned State counsel has submitted that the petitioner along with his co-accused attempted to murder Rakesh Sharma. The petitioner is also involved in one more case of similar nature. In view of the gravity of accusation, the petitioner does not deserve grant of regular bail. Therefore, the petition may be dismissed.

In view of the facts and circumstances of the case, nature of accusation, role attributed to the petitioner and the fact that the trial is likely to take long time due to restrictions imposed to prevent the spread of infection of Covid-19 but without commenting on the merits

of the case, I am inclined to extend the concession of regular bail to the petitioner.

Therefore, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on furnishing of personal and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned.

However, the petitioner is granted regular bail subject to the condition that he shall not commit any similar offence after his release on bail and in case of commission of any similar offence by him in future his bail in the present case shall also be liable to be cancelled on application to be filed by the prosecution in this regard.

31.08.2020

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(ARUN KUMAR TYAGI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No