

**In The High Court for the States of Punjab and Haryana
At Chandigarh**

CRM-M-13434-2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision:- 8.7.2020

Amninder Singh @ Prince

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Pankaj Bali, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Sidakmeet Sandhu, AAG, Punjab.

*(the aforesaid presence is being recorded through video conferencing
since the proceedings are being conducted in Virtual Court)*

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner seeks grant of anticipatory bail in a case registered vide FIR No.20, dated 6.2.2020, Police Station City-2, Khanna, under Sections 25/54 of Arms Act.
2. It is the case of prosecution that a secret information was received by ASI Tarwinder Singh to the effect that petitioner Amninder Singh @ Prince along with Dheeraj Batta and Gurpreet Singh @ Laddi were

bringing huge quantity of ammunition from Gobindgarh to Khanna. Pursuant to receipt of aforesaid information the police swung into action and barricading was raised and consequently a car bearing registration No.PB-65-AG-8628 was apprehended and Dheeraj Batta and Gurpreet Singh @ Laddi were apprehended while the petitioner is alleged to have fled away from the spot. The two persons apprehended were found to be in possession of weapons. Dheeraj Batta is alleged to be carrying a .32 bore pistol along with 2 magazine and 15 live cartridges. Gurpreet Singh @ Laddi is stated to be in possession of .32 bore pistol, 1 magazine and 9 live cartridges. It is further the case of prosecution that later pursuant to a disclosure statement made by Gurpreet Singh @ Laddi, he got recovered another pistol of .32 bore along with 2 magazine and 12 live cartridges.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that he has falsely been implicated in the present case and that it remains unexplained as to how he managed to escape despite the fact that the police had prior information and had raised barricading.
4. Opposing the petition, learned State counsel has submitted that since the petitioner is specifically named in the FIR, no case for grant of anticipatory bail is made out.
5. I have considered rival submissions addressed before this Court. Keeping in view the fact that the petitioner was never arrested at the spot and as such no recovery was ever effected at any stage from him and that the co-accused have already been granted regular bail, the

petition merits acceptance and is hereby accepted and interim directions issued vide order dated 1.6.2020 are made absolute subject to the condition that the petitioner shall appear and join investigation as and when called upon to do so and cooperate with the Investigating Officer and shall abide by the conditions as provided under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.

July 8, 2020

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**(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking /reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable

Yes / No