

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

(Proceedings conducted through video conferencing)

CRM-M No. 24043 of 2020(O&M)

Date of decision: 27.10.2020

Manpreet Singh

....Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE REKHA MITTAL

Present: Mr. Rajpal Singh Chauhan, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Rashmi Attri, AAG, Punjab.

REKHA MITTAL, J.(Oral)

Manpreet Singh, accused in FIR No.136 dated 07.12.2019 registered at Police Station Khilchain, District Amritsar Rural for offence punishable under Section 395 of Indian Penal Code (in short 'IPC') and Section 25/27 of the Arms Act, 1959, prays for grant of bail in anticipation of arrest.

Counsel for the petitioner would argue that on the day of alleged occurrence, the petitioner was present in the fields of Nirmal Singh and the said fact has been fortified by documents (Annexures P-2 and P-3). It is further argued that petitioner has been falsely roped in by the neighbours due to personal enmity. The last submission made by counsel is that the petitioner is ready to join investigation and co-operate throughout.

Short reply by way of affidavit of Mr. Harkrishan Singh,

Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub Division Baba Bakala Sahib, District

Amritsar Rural on behalf of State received through email of the Court, is taken on record.

The case was registered on the statement of Sh. Ram Narayan, Manager of Punjab and Sind Bank, branch village Chhajalwadi, Amritsar with regard to robbery on 07.12.2019 resulting in loot of Rs.7,83,800/- and taking away DVR installed in cabin of the Manager and .12 bore gun of guard Bakhshish Singh. The petitioner was nominated as an accused on the basis of statements of Pargat Singh son of Santokh Singh and Surjit Singh @ Kaka son of Mangal Singh (Annexures R-1/T and R-2/T respectively). Nothing specific has been mentioned in the petition as to why these two witnesses of the prosecution nominated the petitioner as one of the accused. Custodial interrogation of the petitioner is required to unearth the crime, as such, petitioner is not entitle to benefit of bail in anticipation of arrest, a concession to be allowed in case a false case has been registered out of political vendetta or for extraneous considerations.

Dismissed.

OCTOBER 27, 2020

‘D. Gulati’

(REKHA MITTAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	yes/no
Whether reportable	:	yes/no