

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

CRM-M-37093-2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision:-10.12.2020

Manpreet Singh ... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab ... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Jashandeep Singh Sandhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Jagmohan Singh Ghumman, DAG, Punjab.

(proceedings conducted through video conferencing)

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J.(Oral)

1. The petitioner has approached this Court seeking grant of regular bail in respect of a case registered vide FIR No.52 dated 24.5.2016 at Police Station Badhni Kalan, District Moga, Punjab under Sections 307 and 34 of Indian Penal Code and Sections 25 and 27 of Arms Act.
2. The learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Jaswinder Singh, has informed that out of the cited 12 PWs only 1 remains to be examined.
3. Since the learned State counsel has informed that out of the cited 12 PWs, only 1 remains to be examined, this Court does not deem appropriate to release the petitioner on bail at this stage. Said prayer, as such, is declined.

However, the trial Court shall take necessary steps as may be possible under

the prevalent circumstances of spread of pandemic to make efforts for expediting the trial provided that counsel for the accused extends full cooperation for the same. The statements of remaining prosecution witnesses and defence witness, if any, may either be recorded by physical process, if found safe and convenient subject to adherence of all the safeguards as prescribed by the Health Authorities or may the possibility of recording the same through video conferencing may be explored subject to the condition that defence counsel extends utmost cooperation for the same so that efforts may be made thereafter for hearing final arguments at the earliest.

4. The petition is thus disposed off with the aforesaid directions.

10.12.2020

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**(Gurvinder Singh Gill)
Judge**

Whether speaking /reasoned Yes / No

Whether Reportable Yes / No