

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

CRM-M- 13478-2021 (O&M)

Date of Decision: March 31, 2021
(Heard through VC)

Sukhmanpreet Singh alias Sukh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Veneet Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Rashmi Attri, AAG, Punjab

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (Oral)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 297 dated 04.10.2020 under Sections 25, 27 of Arms Act registered at Police Station Lopoke, Amritsar Rural, District Amritsar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner herein was taken into custody after the registration of the aforesaid FIR. It is submitted that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. It is also contended that the allegations as set out in the FIR are not sustainable while further arguing that the statements of the material witnesses have been recorded and that the conclusion of trial will take sufficient time, therefore, the custody of the petitioner would no longer be

required and he is entitled to be enlarged on bail.

Per contra, learned counsel appearing on behalf of respondent-State, on instructions from the Investigating Officer, opposes the grant of regular bail to the petitioner, while submitting that offences alleged against the petitioner are serious in nature, however, she does not dispute the fact that the matter stands investigated and the challan stands presented in the present case.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

The trial is likely to take some time. The petitioner herein has been in custody since the registration of the FIR. Since the statements of the material witnesses have been recorded, no useful purpose would be served in keeping the petitioner behind bars any longer. At this stage, without commenting on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed and the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail on execution of adequate personal bond and surety bond to the satisfaction of concerned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

March 31, 2021
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Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No