

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

CRM-M-15475-2021 (O&M)

Date of decision: 08.10.2021

Sewa Ram

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE H.S. MADAAN

Present: Mr. GBS Gill, Advocate for
Mr. H.S. Bhullar, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. A.S. Gill, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Keshav Pratap Singh, Advocate for the complainant.

H.S. MADAAN, J. (Oral)

Case taken up through video conferencing.

This is a second petition for regular bail filed by petitioner Sewa Ram, an accused in FIR No.291 dated 16.10.2020, for offences under Sections 420, 171, 395, 483, 342, 120-B, 419, 465, 467, 468, 471, 201 IPC and Sections 25 and 27 of Arms Act (Sections 170, 411 IPC and Section 30 of Arms Act added later on), registered with Police Station Bhawanigarh, District Sangrur.

The first petition bearing No.CRM-M-42171-2020 having been dismissed vide detailed order dated 18.02.2021, copy of which is available on the record as Annexure P-6. The concluding part of the order runs as under:-

*“As far as **CRM-M-42171-2020** filed by petitioner Sewa Ram is concerned, he comes out to be the main culprit in the incident and after being arrested .32 bore revolver along with 22 live cartridges of the same bore besides huge quantity of gold/gold ornaments, currency notes and two air guns etc. out of the looted articles were recovered from him. As per the custody certificate filed by the State counsel, he is shown to be involved in two more criminal cases i.e. FIR No.73 dated 27.9.2019, under Sections 323, 341, 506, 148, 149, 295, 379-B, 427 IPC and 27 of Arms Act, Police Station Ghanaour, District Patiala and FIR No.91 dated 8.9.2020, under Sections 323, 379-379B, 427, 148, 149 and 120-B IPC, Police Station Ghanaour, District Patiala. That means he is a habitual criminal. The apprehension expressed by the State counsel that if he is released on regular bail, there are great chances of his absconding, in the process delaying the trial and tampering with the prosecution evidence by giving threat or inducement to the prosecution witnesses is to be taken with all the seriousness. Therefore, in my considered view no case for grant of regular bail to petitioner/accused Sewa Ram is made out.*

*Thus, **CRM-M-42171-2020** filed by petitioner/accused Sewa Ram, stands dismissed.”*

Except filing of the challan in this case, there has not been any noticeable change in circumstances with situation with regard to COVID-19 pandemic fast improving and physical hearings getting resumed in the Courts, it is hoped and expected that the trial would proceed at a fast pace and would be concluded expeditiously. However, no reason is there to accept the present petition and grant regular bail to the petitioner.

The petition so filed by the petitioner is bound to fail and is dismissed accordingly.

08.10.2021

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(H.S. MADAAN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes	No
Whether Reportable :	Yes	No