

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

CRM-M-16378-2021

Date of decision:18.08.2021

Sukhdeep Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

U.T., Chandigarh

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Barjesh Kumar Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. A.M. Punchhi, Public Prosecutor, U.T., Chandigarh with
Mr. Anupam Bansal, Advocate for the respondent.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

Case is taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

Custody certificate, by way of an affidavit dated 18.08.2021 of
Additional Superintendent, Model Jail, Chandigarh, filed through email, is
taken on record.

Through this petition, the petitioner seeks regular bail in case
bearing FIR No.90 dated 12.10.2020 registered under Sections 307, 34 IPC
and Sections 25 and 27 of the Arms Act at Police Station North,
Chandigarh.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that as per the
prosecution version, the gunshot fire injury was attributed by Sagar alias
Neutron on Saurav and the petitioner has no concern with the allegations
levelled in the FIR, but he has falsely been involved in the present case. No
specific injury has been attributed to the petitioner. Moreover, the
petitioner was not seen in the CCTV footage. It is further stated that the
petitioner has been in custody since 25.10.2020 and there is one other FIR

registered against him, in which he is on bail.

Learned State counsel, while opposing the grant of bail to the petitioner, submits that the challan has been presented. It is further stated that the charges have been framed and the prosecution witnesses are yet to be examined. He does not dispute the custody period of the petitioner.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

The petitioner has been in custody since 25.10.2020 and the prosecution witnesses are yet to be examined. The trial would take a considerable long time in its conclusion, especially due to Covid-19. Therefore, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind the bars.

In view of the above, without commenting anything on the merits, lest it should prejudice the case of either side, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

18.08.2021
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(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking?	Yes/No
Whether reportable?	Yes/No