

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

**(207)**

**CRM-M-18484-2021**

**Date of Decision : May 20, 2021**

**Navdeep Singh @ Ballu**

**.. Petitioner**

**Versus**

**State of Punjab**

**.. Respondent**

**(Through Video Conferencing)**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI**

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

Mr. Sandeep Singh Deol, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

**HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI J. (ORAL)**

Present petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C for the grant of regular bail to the petitioner in respect of FIR No.002 dated 01.01.2011 under Section 25 of the Arms Act, 1959 registered at Police Station Jandiala, Amritsar Rural, District Amritsar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that though, the petitioner was granted the benefit of regular bail but he could not adhere to the conditions imposed as he was arrested in other cases. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that there are five other cases pending against the petitioner, all of which have been registered after the present FIR but the petitioner is on bail in all the other cases.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Sandeep Singh Deol, learned Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, who has joined the proceedings through video conference, keeping in view the service of advance copy of petition, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State. Learned counsel for the respondent-State submits that the petitioner has evaded arrest for a period of more than 9 years and once the petitioner has violated the conditions of bail, he be not granted the same benefit again.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have gone through the record with their able assistance.

Though earlier the petitioner has violated the terms and conditions of the bail in connection to the FIR No. 002 dated 01.01.2011, the said act of the petitioner is not at all appreciated by this Court. The petitioner is behind the bars since 21.02.2021 and keeping the fact that allegations against the petitioner are in respect of Section 25 of the Arms Act, keeping the petitioner behind the bars in the situation of Covid-19, will not serve any useful purpose, as learned counsel for the petitioner undertakes that petitioner will abide by the conditions imposed and will not influence trial in any manner including influencing the witnesses and in case of default of the above undertaking, State will be at liberty to approach this Court for passing appropriate orders.

In view of the above and without commenting upon the merits of the case, it is directed that the petitioner be released on regular bail, subject to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

However, it is made clear that anything observed herein shall not be construed to be an expression of any opinion on the merits of the case.

**May 20, 2021**

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**(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)**

**JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No