

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

CRM-M-10171-2022(O&M)

Date of decision: 16.03.2022

Gurjit Singh @ Ladda

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Hakam Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Harbir Sandhu, AAG Punjab.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

Case is taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

Petitioner has filed this petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail in case FIR No. 22 dated 15.09.2017 registered under Sections 21, 25, 29, 61, 85 of the NDPS Act, Sections 364, 382, 386, 387, 212, 216, 216-A, 414, 416, 120-B IPC and Section 25 of the Arms Act, at Police Station S.S.O.C. Amritsar, District Amritsar.

Custody certificate dated 15.03.2022 issued by the Superintendent, Central Jail, Bathinda, submitted by the learned State counsel through email, is taken on record.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has falsely been implicated in the present case; that nothing has been recovered from the petitioner; that the petitioner has been in custody for the last more than 4 years; and that there is no head way in the trial and prays that because of long incarceration, the petitioner may be released on regular bail.

On the other hand, learned State counsel while controverting the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, submits that the petitioner is a habitual offender and is involved in 15 other cases and stands convicted in one case under NDPS Act. However, he does not dispute the custody period of the petitioner.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties and also gone through the paper-book.

As noticed above, the petitioner is a habitual offender. As per the order passed by learned Additional Sessions Judge, Amritsar, the petitioner is a notorious gangster and was arrested in a joint operation with Patiala Police on 18.09.2017 and a pistol .32 bore with ammunition was recovered from his possession and during investigation, the petitioner had disclosed that he had kidnapped different persons and released them only after getting the ransom. Moreover, the petitioner stands convicted in another case under NDPS Act.

The brazen criminal antecedents of the petitioner disentitle him to the relief of regular bail, thus, the present petition is dismissed.

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

16.03.2022

Mangal Singh

Whether reasoned/speaking?
Whether reportable?

Yes/No
Yes/No