

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH.**

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**CRM-M-16167-2022
Date of decision: 20.07.2022**

KARWINDER SINGH

.....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURESHWAR THAKUR

Present : Mr. Anurag Chopra, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. M.S.Nagra, AAG, Punjab
for the respondent-State.

SURESHWAR THAKUR, J. (ORAL)

1. The instant petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C., wherein, the petitioner seeks the indulgence of this court for grant of anticipatory bail.

2. FIR No. 243 dated 29.08.2015 is registered at Police Station City Tarn Taran, District Tarn Taran, therein, offences constituted under Sections 419, 420, 465, 468, 120-B of the IPC, are embodied.

3. The incriminatory roles as assigned, in the petition FIR, is that the present bail petitioner in connivance with co-accused Karanbir Singh, and, co-accused Manjinder Singh, and, for a monetary quid pro quo preparing fake arms licences, and, thereafter, theirs also facilitating the purchases of arms by the persons concerned.

4. During the course of investigations into the petition FIR, accused Karanbir Singh has been arrested, but during his custodial interrogation, he did cause recoveries of fake arms licences to the investigating officer concerned.

5. Be that as it may, the present bail petitioner is an employee in the licensing branch, at the Civil Collectorate, at Tarn Taran, and, his seat is in the closest proximity to the photostat booth, of his nephew one Manjinder Singh. It appears that copies of fake arms licences, as may have become ultimately issued from the licensing branch concerned, where the present bail petitioner is working as a Licensing Clerk, became thereafter photostated at the booth of his nephew one Manjinder Singh. Therefore, the nephew of the present bail petitioner may have now rather not maintained records thereof. However, for ensuring that the present bail petitioner, discloses to the investigating officer concerned, the numbers of all the fake licenses, as became prepared by him, in collusion with all concerned, and, whereafter(s) he prima facie facilitated the purchases of arms, by the concerned, and, also after his receiving monies from them, hence the custodial interrogation of the present bail petitioner rather is deemed most imperative.

6. The further reason for forming the above conclusion, is founded upon the inferences, and, conclusions, as, become drawn by this Court, where declining relief of pre-arrest bail, to Karwinder Singh, through an order of even date rendered in CRM-M-15562-2022.

7. Consequently, for uncovering the scale of preparations of,

and, supply of fake Arms Licenses to the concerned, and also, for ensuring recoveries thereof, besides for ensuring the eruption(s) of the names of persons who therethrough(s) purchased arms, thereupon(s), it is too, deemed necessary to order for the custodial interrogation of the present bail petitioner.

8. In view of the above, this Court does not find any merit in the petition, rather, becomes constrained to dismiss it.

9. Dismissed accordingly.

10. The afore observations are meant only for the disposal of the present petition, and, shall not affect the merits of the trial arising from the FIR (supra).

20.07.2022
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(SURESHWAR THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : *Yes/No*
Whether reportable : *Yes/No*