

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

**CRM-M-46574-2021 (O&M)
Date of decision: 13.01.2022**

Sunil @ Baba

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Lakshay Bajaj, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Kanwar Sanjeev Kumar, AAG Haryana.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

Case is taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

Prayer in the present petition is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No.364 dated 06.10.2011, registered under Sections 395, 397, 458 IPC and Section 25 of the Arms Act, at Police Station Civil Lines, Sonipat, Haryana.

Status report by way of affidavit dated 31.12.2021 of the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Detective Sonipat, already filed in the Registry, is taken on record.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was indicted in the present case on the basis of the disclosure statement of the co-

accused and that the co-accused have already been acquitted by the learned trial Court vide judgment and order dated 28.07.2014. He further submits that the the petitioner was declared as a proclaimed offender by the learned trial Court on 28.02.2012. Thereafter, the petitioner was arrested on 27.07.2021 and since then he has been in custody. In a case bearing FIR No. 174-A, the petitioner was granted bail vide order dated 08.10.2021.

Learned State counsel opposes the prayer for bail. However, he does not dispute the custody period of the petitioner. He submits that charges have been framed and the case is fixed prosecution witnesses.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

The petitioner has been in custody since 27.07.2021. The co-accused have already been acquitted by the learned trial Court vide judgment and order dated 28.07.2014. Charges have been framed and the case is at the stage of evidence, therefore, the conclusion of the trial would taken a long time. Hence, 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 petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

13.01.2022
Mangal Singh

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