

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-50289-2022 (O&M)
Date of decision: 21.12.2022

HIRA LAL

....Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. Mazlish Khan, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Tanuj Sharma, AAG Haryana.

AMAN CHAUDHARY. J.

The 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.342 dated 18.08.2021, under Sections 25(1AA) of the Arms Act, 1959 , registered at Police Station Sector 29, District Panipat.

Learned counsel contends that the name of the petitioner has surfaced based on disclosure statement of the co-accused. He submits that the petitioner is in custody since 30.08.2021. He relies on the orders dated 04.08.2022 and 09.12.2022 passed by this Court, granting bail to the co-accused, who he submits are similarly situated as the petitioner. He further submits that the petitioner is not involved in any other case and the challan has already been presented and 6 prosecution witnesses are yet to be examined.

Learned State counsel on instructions from SI Krishan Kumar

opposes the bail on the ground that the petitioner was supplier of arms and ammunition recovered from him. However, he is unable to controvert the submissions as made by the learned counsel for the petitioner.

Heard.

In view of the facts and circumstances of the case, in particular that the petitioner is in custody since 30.08.2021; he is not involved in any other case; similarly situated co-accused have been granted bail by this Court, challan has been filed; 6 witnesses are yet to be examined; the trial is likely to take a considerable time, his further detention behind bars would not serve any useful purpose, thus the present petition for grant of regular bail deserves to be allowed.

As a result, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail, subject to his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned and subject to him not being required in any other case. The petitioner shall abide by the following conditions:-

1. The petitioner will not tamper with the evidence during the trial.
2. The petitioner will not pressurize/ intimidate the prosecution witnesses.
3. The petitioner will appear before the trial Court on each and every date fixed, unless is exempted by a specific order of Court.
4. The petitioner shall not commit an offence similar to the offence of which, he is an accused, or for commission of which he is suspected of.
5. The petitioner shall not directly or indirectly coerce, induce, threaten or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him/ her from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer or tamper with the evidence in any manner.
6. The petitioner shall not in any manner misuse his liberty.
7. The petitioner shall furnish his address and mobile number to the Trial Court forthwith and shall not change the same till the conclusion of the trial and in case for any reason, the petitioner seeks to change any of the aforesaid, the same shall be done only with prior intimation to the learned Trial Court, stating the reason for the same.

8. The petitioner shall deposit his passport, if any, with the Trial Court forthwith and in case, he does not have the passport, he shall furnish a specific affidavit in this regard.

It is made clear that in case of any infraction of any of the aforesaid conditions, the State shall be at liberty to seek cancellation of bail as granted to the petitioner by this order.

In view of the above, this Court makes it clarified that the observations made herein above are limited for the purpose of present proceedings and would not be construed as any opinion on the merits of the case and the trial would proceed independently of the aforesaid observations.

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

December 21, 2022

S.Sharma(syr)

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