

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Sr. No.214

CRM-M-1302-2023 (O&M)
Date of decision : 16.01.2023

Angrej Singh @ Laddi Sran

..... Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. N.S. Sidhu, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Harkanwarjit Singh, AAG, Punjab.

SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (Oral)

The petitioner seeks regular bail in case FIR No.128 dated 19.9.2022, registered at Police Station Raman, District Bathinda, under Sections 387, 336, 506, 34 IPC and Sections 25, 27 of the Arms Act, 1959 (later on added Sections 120-B, 201 IPC and Section 25 (6) of the Arms Act, 1959).

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been implicated in this case only on the basis of disclosure statement of a co-accused. Thus, there is no evidence in the eyes of law against the petitioner. Moreover, the petitioner does not have any criminal antecedents and the trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date as examination of PWs has not yet commenced. Thus, the petitioner may be granted regular bail.

Custody certificate dated 13.01.2023 checked by Sh. N.D. Negi, Jail Superintendent, Central Jail, Bathinda has been filed in Court. The same is taken on record. A perusal thereof shows that the petitioner has

undergone actual custody of 03 months and 16 days and there is no other criminal case pending against him.

Learned State counsel does not dispute that examination of PWs has not yet commenced nor does he contest the submission made on behalf of the petitioner that the petitioner has been nominated as an accused only on the basis of a disclosure statement made by co-accused.

In view of the fact that there is no independent evidence against the petitioner and keeping in view the custody period already undergone by him as well as the fact that the trial is not likely to be concluded at an early date, I deem it appropriate to grant regular bail to the petitioner. The petition is allowed and it is directed that the petitioner be released on bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

Nothing stated hereinabove shall be construed to be an expression of an opinion on the merit of the case.

(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE

16.01.2023
Ramandeep Singh

Whether speaking / reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes / No
Yes/ No