

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

**CRM-M-4432-2023
DECIDED ON: 03.02.2023**

GURPREET SINGH

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP MOUDGIL.

Present: Mr. Gurvinder Singh Sindhu, Advocate
for the petitioner.

SANDEEP MOUDGIL, J (ORAL)

This is a petition seeking regular bail in FIR No.179, dated 09.10.2022, under Sections 384, 387, 506, 411, 120-B of the IPC, 1860 and Section 25, 25(6), 27 of Arms Act, 1959, registered at Police Station Talwandi Sabo District Bathinda.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner was not originally named in the FIR but was subsequently roped in the present case on the basis of supplementary statement.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of Court, Mr. Mohit Kapoor, Addl. AG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State and has produced the custody certificate, which is taken on record.

A perusal of the FIR (Annexue P-1), shows that no direct role has been attributed to the petitioner with regard to the demand of Rs.5,00,000/-.

Once Rs.4,00,000/- was paid, subsequently another demand of Rs.6,00,000/-

was sought which makes a total of Rs.10,00,000/-. Further, in the FIR, it is stated that Manpreet Singh alias Manna who is nowadays lodged in jail, in collusion with his accomplices, threatened the family members of the complainant and extracted Rs.4,00,000/- on 07.10.2022 and Rs.6,00,000/- on 08.10.2022, total Rs.10,00,000/-. However, nowhere name of the petitioner has figured except admittedly in the supplementary statement.

It has been further argued that the main accused Satinder Pal Singh has been granted the concession of anticipatory bail vide order dated 24.11.2022, passed in CRM-M-51598-2022 (Annexure P-5), whereas other two co-accused namely Paramvir Singh @ Param and Karandeep Singh @ Jhanda have been granted the regular bail vide orders dated 06.12.2022 and 22.12.2022 (Annexures P-3 and P-4) respectively, passed by the learned Additional Sessions Judge, Bathinda.

Be that as it may, considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances, wherein three other co-accused have already been granted the concession of anticipatory bail or of regular bail. Thus, the petitioner is directed to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

The present petition is, hereby, allowed.

(SANDEEP MOUDGIL)
JUDGE

03.02.2023

Meenu/Poonam Negi

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>