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

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CRM-M-55371-2023

Date of decision : 15.12.2023

**Mohammad Imran****..... Petitioner****versus****State of Punjab****..... Respondent****CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PANKAJ JAIN**

Present: Mr. M.S. Sachdev, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Jaswinder Singh Arora, DAG, Punjab  
with ASI Jagdeep Singh.

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**PANKAJ JAIN, J. (Oral)**

1. Present petition has been filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No.107 dated 07.08.2023, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 295-A, 153-A, 120-B, 428 and 429 of IPC and Sections 5 and 8 of the Punjab Prohibition of Cow Slaughter Act, 1955 (Sections 467, 468 and 471 of IPC added later on) at Police Station Adampur, District Jalandhar Rural.

2. As per the contents of the FIR, it has been alleged as under:-

“Stated that I am resident of the above mentioned address and am President of All India Cow Protection Group. Information was received to me from the secret sources that in Village Dhangri, District Jalandhar in the old Toka factory lying closed, which Imran Qureshi son of Hazi Bablu Qureshi, resident of Opposite Faizal Masjid, Sector

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2, Shastri Nagar, Meerut and his brothers Parvesh Qureshi, Azam Qureshi after having been joined have taken the above mentioned factory on rent, in which he by slaughtering/killing the cows from outside, have since kept boxes after packing their meat, which they have kept in the freezers for supply to other States and in cities. For maintaining which as well as for further supplying the same, Majaffar Islam Sangool Mohammad along with a son of number of workers have been kept and by slaughtering cow meat in this manner, hurt has been caused to our religious emotions because we give grade of our mother to the cow and all the persons doing this work belong to Muslim community, due to which, occurrence can take place at any time in the groups. This work has been taking place under a conspiracy. Today I along with my companion Vikas Kamboj son of Shri Naresh Kumar, H. No. 2587/1, Jaurhian Bhathian, PS Kotwali, District Patiala and Rohit Joshi S/- Digamber Joshi, resident of 460/13, Avtar Nagar, Police Station Bhargo Camp, District Jalandhar had been going to give information to you, you have met, action may be taken.”

3. Counsel for the petitioner submits that the investigation already stands concluded. Challan stands presented and the petitioner is behind bars for more than 03 months and 15 days and thus there cannot be any apprehension that the petitioner shall tamper with the evidence. The offence are triable by Magistrate. Counsel further submits that the petitioner has no criminal antecedents.

4. *Per contra*, State counsel submits that there are serious allegations against the petitioner of having forged, not only his name

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but also identity documents like Adhar card etc. However, he does not dispute that the investigation already stands concluded and the challan stands presented.

5. Without commenting on the merits of the case and keeping in view the incarceration already suffered by the petitioner, the present petition is allowed. Petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Ld. Trial Court/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

6. Needless to say nothing recorded herein shall be construed to be an expression of an opinion on the merits of the case.

(PANKAJ JAIN)  
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes

Whether Reportable : No