

CRM-M-4784-2024
Date of decision: 22.02.2024

....Petitioner.

Versus

....Respondent.

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJIV BERRY

Mr. Ankit Grewal, DAG, Punjab.

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SANJIV BERRY, J. (ORAL)

2. The instant second petition has been preferred by the petitioner under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of regular in the following case (Annexure P-1):-

FIR No.	Dated	Section	Police Station
44	26.02.2023	25 of the Arms Act (384, 385 and 386 IPC added lateron)	Sadar Khanna, District Khanna

3. It is, *inter alia*, submitted by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in this case. He submits that petitioner was arrested on 03.03.2023 and four country made pistols have been recovered from his possession. He submits that no other criminal case is pending against the petitioner, challan has already been presented in Court, charges have been framed and prosecution has cited 17 witnesses and till date none of them have been examined, as such he prays for grant of concession of bail to the petitioner.

4. Learned State counsel has opposed the bail application by arguing that considering the nature and gravity of the offence, petitioner is not entitled for concession of bail. However, he has not controverted the factual matrix of the case.

5. After considering the rival contentions and perusing the record, it transpires that petitioner was arrested on 03.03.2023 and since then he is in custody. Challan has been presented in the Court and charges have been framed and out of 17 witnesses cited by the prosecution none of them has been examined till date. The conclusion of trial to ascertain criminal liability, if any, of the petitioner will take sufficient long time and no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind bars any longer.

6. Resultantly, without commenting on the merits of the case, it is observed that no purpose would be served in keeping petitioner

behind bars. Therefore, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on bail subject to furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned Trial Court concerned, if not required in any other case; undertaking to regularly appear on each and every date; not to leave the country without prior permission of the Court; and not to tamper with evidence of prosecution in any manner.

7. Any observation made above shall not be construed as opinion of this Court on the merits of the case.

8. Petition stands allowed.

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(SANJIV BERRY)
JUDGE

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| i) | Whether speaking/reasoned? | Yes/No |
| ii) | Whether reportable? | Yes/No |