



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

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CRM-M-9347-2024

Date of Decision.:22.05.2024

Inderjit Singh

.....Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK GUPTA

Present:- Mr. Karan Bhardwaj, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sahil R. Bakshi, AAG, Punjab
assisted by SI Sumit.

DEEPAK GUPTA, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking regular bail by way of petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C in case FIR No.15 dated 04.09.2023 under Section 25 of Arms Act [Section 25(8) of Arms Act added later on] registered at Police Station State Operation Cell, Mohali, District SAS Nagar.

2. As per prosecution allegations, on 04.09.2023, on the basis of secret information co-accused Jagmohan Singh @ Gabbar and Manjit Singh were apprehended as information was to the effect that they along with accomplices used to bring weapons from M.P. & Gujarat for supplying the same in Punjab. On their apprehension, one pistol each were recovered from

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both of them. During investigation, it emerged that petitioner Inderjit Singh and Gursewak Singh @ Sewak are the *king pin* of the racket. Petitioner was arrested on 11.09.2023 and from his possession a pistol of .32 bore and two live cartridges were recovered.

3. Learned counsel contends that petitioner has been falsely implicated; that co-accused Jagmohan Singh Gill @ Jagmohan Singh @ Gabbar has already been allowed bail by this Court vide order dated 02.02.2024 passed in CRM-M-750-2024 (Annexure P-3); and that petitioner has no other criminal case pending against him.

4. Status report by way of an affidavit of Shri Gurcharan Singh, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, State Special Operation Cell, SAS Nagar has been filed on behalf of respondent- State.

5. Learned State counsel opposed the petition by contending that petitioner has been found to be *king pin* of the racket. However, it is conceded by learned State counsel that as per the custody certificate, petitioner is not involved in any other case. Recovery of one pistol and two cartridges only have been effected from the petitioner, as was the case of the Gabbar, who was allowed bail by this Court.

6. Petitioner is in custody for the last 08 months and 07 days. Learned State counsel, on instructions from SI Sumit, informs that even the charges are yet to be framed. Thus, trial is likely to take long time to conclude.



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7. Having regard to the above facts and circumstances, but without commenting anything further on the merits of the case, this petition is allowed and petitioner is admitted to bail on his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Learned Trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned, on usual terms and conditions.

(DEEPAK GUPTA)
JUDGE

May 22, 2024
Neetika Tuteja

Whether Speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No