

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-14592-2024

Date of Decision: 14.05.2024

SARTAJ SINGH

.....Petitioner

Vs.

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK GUPTA

Present: Mr.Gagandeep Singh Simble, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sahil R. Bakshi, AAG, Punjab.

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DEEPAK GUPTA, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in this petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. is for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.7 dated 22.01.2024, under Sections 336/387/120-B of IPC, 1860 and Sections 25, 27, 54, 59 of Arms Act, 1959, registered at Police Station City Batala, Police District Batala, District Gurdaspur.

2. Status report by way of an affidavit of Shri Azad Davinder Singh, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub Division City Batala, Police, District Batala has been filed on behalf of the respondent-State and the same is taken on record.

3. As per the prosecution allegations, complainant Honey Aggarwal received ransom call of Rs.50,00,000/- from unknown number on 18.01.2024. Later on also, he received many calls to the same effect. On 21/22.01.2024 some unknowns persons fired gunshots on his showroom. FIR was lodged. During investigation, on the basis of secret information, petitioner-Sartaj Singh along with co-accused Saurav and Jashanpreet Singh were nominated on 24.01.2024. The arrest of Saurav and Jashanpreet Singh

led to the recovery of scooty. The arrest of petitioner - Sartaj Singh led to the recovery of pistol .32 bore and 10 live cartridges allegedly used in the offence.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that petitioner has been falsely involved simply on the basis of secret information; that there is no connecting evidence to link him with the present crime; that he is in custody for the last more than 03 months and is not involved in any other case and so, he be allowed bail.

5. Learned State counsel concedes the fact that except for the secret information which led to the arrest of accused and recovery of pistol and 10 cartridges besides a mobile, no evidence could be found against the petitioner. Learned State counsel is also specific to the query of this Court that petitioner could not be linked to any of the ransom calls which were received by the complainant.

6. Custody certificate also reveals that petitioner is in custody for the last more than 03 months and 17 days. He is not involved in any other case.

7. Having regard to all the aforesaid facts and circumstances, but without commenting anything further on merits of the case, petition is allowed. Petitioner is admitted to regular bail on his furnishing requisite bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned, on usual terms and conditions.

Allowed.

( DEEPAK GUPTA )  
JUDGE

14.05.2024

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No  
Whether reportable : Yes/No