



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

CRM-M No.50970 of 2024
Date of decision: 28th November, 2024

Satnam Singh
... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab
... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL
Present: Mr. Kamaldeep S. Sodhi, Advocate for the petitioner.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner is seeking the concession of bail under Section 482 BNSS in case FIR No.43 dated 22.10.2023 under Sections 109, 115, 120, 120-B of the IPC, Section 25 of the Arms Act, 1959 and Sections 3, 4 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 registered at Police Station SSOC Amritsar, District Intelligence Wing (CID).
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the false implication of the petitioner in the case at hand is evident from the fact that he has no previous criminal antecedents and he has been wrongly connected with co-accused Kirandeep Singh and Jarmanjit Singh, residents of USA, who had been indulged in smuggling of weapons as well as dealing in Hawala transactions. Learned counsel has further submitted that merely because ₹1.00 lakh had been deposited in the

bank account of the petitioner by co-accused Kirandeep Singh and Jarmanjit Singh, would not make him criminally liable for their alleged illegal activities.

3. I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner and perused the relevant material on record including the FIR in question, which stands reproduced hereunder:

“The SHO, police station State Special Operation Cell, Amritsar. Jai Hind, Today I-SI Bhupinder Singh-2958/INT, SI-Gurmeet Singh-9/1582; SI Jagjeet Singh-5/72; ASI Shamsher Singh-80/2116; ASI Talwinder Singh-9/40; ASI Gagandeep Singh-5/2046; ASI- Lakhbir singh-75/317; HC Harpal Singh-5/675; HC Amandeep Singh-9/102; Ct Simrandeep Singh-5/710; CT Samir-5/674 alongwith Laptop & Printer by riding on official vehicles/cars were present near Gobind Singh College, Fatehgarh Churrian, police station Fategarh Churri, Police District Batala, meantime by personally appearing gave intimation that Karandeep Mash son of Sucha Masih resident of village Gurchak, police station Dera Baba Nanak, Police District Batala; Anmol Singh son of Major Singh resident of village Thethar Ke Kalan, police station Dera Baba Nanak, Police District Batala; Satnam Singh son of Tejinder Singh resident of village Naurangabad, police station Dera Baba Nanak, Police District Batala; and Jagjoop Singh son of Pawandeep Singh resident of village Shahpur Jajjan, police station Dera Baba Nanak, Police District Batala; are in touch contact with bad persons [who lives in foreign] namely Kirandeep Singh Randhava son of Kulwant Singh resident of village Gurchak, police station Dera Baba Nanak, Police District

*Batala presently residing in America & Germanjeet Singh son of Karnail Singh resident of village Naurangabad, police station Sadar Tarn Taran, presently residing in America, through social media and other Apps. In the last days Kirandeep Singh Randhava & Germanjeet Singh had sent money/funds to the abovesaid persons namely Kirandeep Mash; Anmol Singh; **Satnam Singh** and Jagroop Singh to do a big crime/ offence at Madhya Pradesh and the said persons have been provided them illegal weapons/ ammunitions for this purpose. Secret informer also told that today these persons Kirandeep Mash; Anmol Singh; **Satnam Singh** and Jagroop Singh by riding on motorcycle bearing RC No: PB18-B-5023, are standing at Maur Pind Beiran Wala, Batala Road, police station Fatehgarh Churrian, Police District Batala with the motive to supply/ deliver illegal ammunitions to other persons & to commit crime / offence on the instigation of Kirandeep Singh Randhava & Germanjeet Singh who lives abroad and these persons are waiting for party, if immediate raid may be conducted, then abovesaid can be apprehended alongwith huge quantity of ammunitions and referred money and mis-happening/ crime can be stopped from happening. Being trustful and trustworthy information, I-SI brought this information in the knowledge of my seniors immediately and I by obtaining orders my senior and wrote ruqa under section 25/54/59 of Arms Act and under section 109, 115, 120, 120-B IPC, and under sections 03, 4 of PMLA Act, 2002 against Kirandeep Mash; Anmol Singh; **Satnam Singh**, Jagroop Singh Kirandeep Singh Randhava & Germanjeet Singh & sent it police station through HC Harpal Singh-5/675 for the registration of the case. After registration of the case, FIR Number may*

be intimated and Special reports may be sent to the senior officers. Control Room may be intimated through wireless message. I-SI along with police party and computer van departing towards the spot at Gobind Singh College, Fatehgarh Churrian, police station Fategarh Churian, Police District Batala, Time: 12:30 PM Dated 22-10-2023.”

4. A perusal of the allegations levelled in the FIR in question reveals that a specific secret information had been received qua all the accused including the petitioner that they all were involved in the smuggling of arms and ammunition, and had been indulging in Hawala transactions; pursuant to a tip-off, co-accused were arrested and a huge recovery of arms and ammunition along with Indian currency amounting to ₹2.00 lacs was then recovered from them. During interrogation of the co-accused also, it came to light, in their respective disclosure statements, that all the arms and ammunition were being procured through the present petitioner, and that too on the instructions of co-accused Kirandeep Singh and Jarmanjit Singh, who are residents of USA.

5. Prima facie, there are serious and specific allegations levelled against the petitioner for which this Court has no hesitation to hold that his custodial interrogation would be necessitated to unearth the entire syndicate involved in the smuggling of weapons. In the facts and circumstances as enumerated hereinabove, this Court does not deem it fit to extend the extraordinary concession of anticipatory bail to the

petitioner. The petition, as such, is dismissed. However, it is made clear that anything observed hereinabove shall not be construed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

November 28, 2024

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