

S. No.227

2024:PHHC:020693

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

CRM-M-1187 of 2024

Date of Decision:14.02.2024

Sukhjeet Singh @ Golu

.....Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK GUPTA

Present:- Mr. Manik Makkar, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sahil R. Bakshi, AAG, Punjab.

DEEPAK GUPTA, J. (Oral)

By way of present petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C, petitioner prays for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.76 dated 31.05.2023 registered under Section 25 (Act No.54 of 1959) at Police Station Shambu, Patiala.

As per prosecution allegations, petitioner was apprehended on 31.05.2023 on the basis of secret information to the effect that he used to supply illegal arms and ammunitions to different gangsters. Naka was laid, the petitioner was apprehended and a pistol of .32 bore and 4 live cartridges kept in his dub were recovered. On search of Pithu bag carried by him, one more pistol of .32 bore and 4 live cartridges were recovered.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been falsely involved in this case; that no recovery has been effected from him; investigation is already complete; that trial may take long time to conclude and that the case is triable by the Magistrate, so he be allowed bail.

As per the status report filed by way of affidavit of Shri Butta Singh, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub Division Ghanaur, Patiala on behalf of

the respondent- State, challan has already been filed in the Court and charges were framed on 22.11.2023. The case is now fixed for prosecution evidence.

The custody certificate placed on record by learned State Counsel reveals that the petitioner is in custody for the last 08 months and 13 days though he is involved in two more cases but none of them pertain to Arms Act. Petitioner is on bail in both those cases. The present case is triable by the Magistrate. Trial may take time to conclude.

Having regard to all the afore-said facts and circumstances, but without commenting anything on the merits of the case, present petition is allowed. Petitioner is admitted to bail on his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned trial Court/ Duty Magistrate concerned, on usual terms and conditions.

February 14, 2024
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(DEEPAK GUPTA)
JUDGE

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