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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M No. 5908-2025 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 04.02.2025

Surjit Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU**Present:** Mr. Piyush Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Kunwarbir Singh, AAG, Punjab.

MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU, J.

Present petition has been filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS'), for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner in FIR No. 65 dated 11.09.2024 (P-1), under Section 52 of Prisons Act, 1894, registered at Police Station Cantt Bathinda, District Bathinda.

2. This Court on 31.01.2025 passed the following order:-

“Notice of motion.

Mr. Kunwarbir Singh, learned AAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State; seeks time to have instructions and/or to file written response in the matter.

Superintendent, Central Jail, Bathinda is directed to be present for assistance in the matter.

Posted for 04.02.2025.

Be shown in the Urgent list.”

3. In pursuance of the aforesaid order dated 31.01.2025, Mr. Manjit Singh Sidhu, Superintendent, Central Jail, Bathinda is present and he has apprised the Court that alleged article was handed over to the employees of Punjab Ex-Servicemen Corporation (PESCO), who have been deputed on



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the main gate of the Central Jail, Bathinda.

4. On specific query made by this Court regarding the strength of High-Risk Prisoners at Central Jail, Bathinda, learned State Counsel on instructions from ASP Laksh Bhullar submits that there are total 1667 inmates currently lodged in Central Jail Bathinda and out of those, 198 are High-Risk Prisoners.

5. In view of the above, this Court directs that in future, except Jail staff, no other employee of PESCO be deployed on the main gate of Central Jail, Bathinda. As it is a very sensitive matter; thus, in case there is a breach, the same shall entail legal consequences against the erring officer(s)/official(s).

6. Learned counsel, on instructions from petitioner, submits that since offence alleged against the petitioner is bailable in nature; therefore, he does not press the petition “at this stage”.

7. Disposed off accordingly.

Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed off.

04.02.2025
Rajeev (rvs)/atulsethi

(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE

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