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

CRM-M-7427-2025

Date of Decision: 14.02.2025

Manpreet Singh @ Manna

...Petitioner

vs.

State of Punjab

...Respondent

Coram : Hon'ble Mr. Justice N.S.Shekhawat

Present : Mr. Yogesh Goel, Advocate with
Mr. Lakshay Goel, Advocate and
Ms. Garima Chauhan, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. I.P.S. Sabharwal, DAG, Punjab.

N.S.Shekhawat J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner has filed the instant petition under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 with a prayer to grant regular bail in case FIR No.131 dated 12.10.2024 registered under Sections 310(4), 310(5) of BNS, 2023 and under Sections 25, 54, 59 of Arms Act, 1959, at Police Station Sadar Sangrur, District Sangrur.

2. The FIR in the present case was registered on the basis of the statement made by Harchetan Singh, SI, CIA, Sangrur and the same has been reproduced below:-

*“Copy of Ruqa. To the Officer Incharge Police Station
Sadar Sangrur, Jai Hind. Today I SI along with Head Constable
Gurmeet Singh No 916/Sangrur Head Constable Gurdeep Singh
No. 160/ Sangrur, Head Constable Jaswinder Singh
No.1259/Sangrur Senior Constable Bharpur Singh No.744/
Sangrur and Constable Kuldeep Sharma No.683/Sangrur were*



present near Truck Union Sangrur at about 8.30 AM on a government vehicle bearing registration No. PB65BF4853 with laptop and printer on patrolling duty in connection with checking of suspicious persons. Then special informer provided a information separately that, "Dharampreet Singh alias Gopi S/o Kuldeep Singh R/o Kokri Kalan District Moga, Jagsir Singh alias Gaggi S/o Surjit Singh R/o Tunga District Sangrur, Manpreet Singh alias Rohit S/o Ranjit Singh R/o Majri District Ludhiana, Manpreet Singh alias Manna S/o Kulwant Singh R/o Takhanwadh District Moga and Jashandeep Singh alias Jassu S/o Sukhjinder Singh R/o Malak District Ludhiana have formed a gang collectively and Dharampreet Singh alias Gopi is mastermind of gang. This gang commit dacoity and snatching as per planning of Dharampreet Singh Gopi, As per planning of said Dharampreet Singh alias Gopi, today, the aforesaid Jagsir alias Gaggi, Manpreet Singh alias Rohit, Manpreet Singh alias Manna and Jashandeep Singh alias Jassu are sitting on the link road of Kular Khurd on the bridge of ganda nalla are planning to commit dacoity in the house of any businessman and they are equipped with illegal deadly weapons and ammunition and if raid is conducted on the link road of Kular Khurd on the bridge of ganda nalla in a planned manner then the aforesaid persons can be apprehended along with illegal deadly weapons and ammunition. The information is trustworthy and reliable. Thus act of Jagsir Singh alias Gaggi, Manpreet Singh alias Rohit, Manpreet Singh alias Manna and Jashandeep Singh alias Jassu Dharampreet Singh alias Gopi, Jagsir Singh alias Gaggi, Manpreet Singh alias Rohit, Manpreet Singh alias Manna having armed with deadly weapons to commit dacoity on the planning of Jashandeep Singh alias Jassu fulfils the requirement of commission of an offence punishable under Section 310/43/105 BNS and under Section 25/54/59 of Arms Act 1959 Hence a Ruga is being sent to police station for registration of case under



aforementioned offences against aforesaid accused Dharampreet Singh alias Goppi, Jagsir Singh alias Gaggi, Manpreet alias Rohit, Manpreet alias Manna and Jashandeep Singh alias Jassu. After registration of case, FIR number be informed. Special reports be issued. Information be given to Incharge Control Room Sangrur. I alongwith police party left for place of incident for conducting raid. Today Truck Union Sangrur at 09:00 AM Sd. Harchetan Singh SI CIA Sangrur dated 12.10.2024.”

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner was neither present at the place of alleged occurrence nor had been involved in any other criminal activity. Even, he owned a workshop at village Mullanpur Dhakha, Ludhiana and recovery of .32 bore pistol planted on him. The petitioner was arrested in the present case on 12.10.2024 and is in custody for the last about 04 months. After completion of investigation, challan has already been presented against the petitioner. Moreover, similarly placed co-accused, namely Manpreet Singh alias Rohit has already been ordered to be released on bail by this Court, vide order dated 03.02.2025 (Annexure P-3).

4. On the other hand, learned State counsel has vehemently opposed the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner on the ground that serious allegations have been levelled against the present petitioner and he does not deserve the concession of bail by this Court.

5. I have heard the learned counsel for the parties and perused the record.

6. In the present case, the petitioner was arrested about 04 months ago and thereafter, the investigation has already completed. Even no witness has been examined so far and the conclusion of the trial may take quite a long time.



Apart from that, similarly placed co-accused, namely Manpreet Singh alias Rohit has already been granted the concession of bail by this Court, vide order dated 03.02.2025 (Annexure P-3).

7. Without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Chief Judicial Magistrate, concerned.

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(N.S.SHEKHAWAT)
JUDGE

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