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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

1. CRM-M-11379-2025

Jagroop SinghPetitioner

versus

State of Punjab Respondent

2. CRM-M-55668-2024

Satnam SinghPetitioner

versus

State of Punjab Respondent

Date of decision : 18.11.2025

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present :- Mr. Surinder Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner in CRM-M-11379-2025.

Mr. Harpal Singh Sidhu, Advocate
for the petitioner in CRM-M-55668-2024.

Mr. Raj Karan Singh, A.A.G., Punjab.

RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

1. By way of this common order, this Court intend to dispose of
abovesaid two petitions as they have arisen out of the same FIR.

2. Petitioners have approached this Court by way of present
second petitions praying for granting them regular bail in case FIR No.14
dated 17.01.2024, under Sections 379-B(2) of IPC and Section 25, 27, 59 of
Arms Act, registered at Police Station Jandiala, District Amritsar.



3. As per the facts of the case, the FIR was lodged on the statement of complainant, namely, Nekpal Singh. It was alleged that on 17.01.2024 at about 5:00 pm in the evening, he was coming on his activa scooter along with his relative Akash. It was alleged that when they reached near the turn of village Janiyan, then 03 persons came from behind with muffled faces, out of them one kicked his activa but the complainant did not stop his scooter. Thereafter, they damaged the light of the activa and thus, Akash, who was riding pillion fell down. Those persons snatched Rs.10,000/- from the pocket of the complainant, though the complainant tried to resist, however, they stabbed him twice with the *datar*. On raising alarm, all the assailants escaped from the place of occurrence. The request was made to take the legal action against the culprits. On registration of FIR, investigation commenced. During this investigation, complicity of the petitioners surfaced, thus, petitioner-Jagroop Singh (in CRM-M-11379-2025) was arrested on 12.03.2024 and petitioner-Satnam Singh (in CRM-M-55668-2024) was arrested on 13.03.2024. The petitioners approached learned Additional Sessions Judge, Amritsar, praying for grant of bail, however, finding no merit, their applications were declined after hearing both the sides by Learned trial Court vide orders dated 23.07.2024 and 12.08.2024, respectively. Aggrieved by the same, petitioners earlier approached this Court by way of filing of CRM-M-42277-2024 and CRM-M-41684-2024, which were declined vide orders dated 04.09.2024 and 02.09.2024, respectively. Hence, they are before this Court praying for grant of bail by way of filing of present second petition.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners have contended that the petitioners have been falsely implicated in the present case. It has been



submitted that the identity of the petitioners were not established and they have been implicated in the present case on the basis of presumptions and assumptions. To buttress their arguments, it has been submitted that complainant-Nekpal Singh has been examined as PW-1 and Akash, who was riding pillion, has been examined as PW-2 and both these witnesses have not supported the case of the prosecution and have been declared hostile. It is submitted that the alleged recoveries are only the planted recoveries upon the petitioners. The material witnesses have not supported the case of the prosecution and thus, the false implication of the petitioners is evident. It is submitted that petitioners are behind bars from last more than 1 ½ year but till date the prosecution has not been able to conclude the trial. It is submitted that petitioner-Jagroop Singh is involved in one more case, however, he is on bail in the said case and petitioner-Satnam Singh is not involved in any other case. It is thus, submitted that in the overall facts and circumstances, the petitioners deserve to be granted bail.

5. Learned State counsel has opposed the submissions made by the counsel for the petitioners and submits that complicity of both the petitioners were established during investigation. From petitioner-Jagroop Singh, weapon of offence i.e. pistol and *datar* were recovered and the snatched mobile was also recovered from him. He further submits that the motorcycle used in the offence was owned by petitioner-Satnam Singh and the same was also recovered. He submits that the whole statement of hostile witnesses could not be discarded and thus, no case for grant of bail to the petitioners, is made out. He has produced the custody certificates of the petitioners on record.



6. On hearing counsel for the parties and perusing the record, it is deciphered that the petitioners are behind bars since the date of their arrest. Complainant-Nekpal Singh has been examined as PW-1 and Akash, who was riding pillion, has been examined as PW-2 and both these witnesses have not supported the case of the prosecution and have been declared hostile. As per custody certificate, petitioner-Jagroop Singh has suffered an incarceration of 01 year, 08 months and 01 day as on 17.11.2025. It further reflects that he is involved in one more case, however, he is on bail in the same. Petitioner- Satnam Singh has suffered an incarceration of 01 year, 08 months and 1 day as on 17.11.2025. It further reflects that he has no criminal antecedents.

7. The veracity of the allegations would be assessed only after the conclusion of the trial and on the appreciation of evidence to be led by both the parties before the trial Court.

8. This Court would refrain itself from commenting anything on the merits of the case. Thus, keeping in view the overall facts and circumstances of the case, this Court is of the opinion that learned counsel for the petitioners succeed in making out a case for grant of regular bail. Accordingly, both the petitions are allowed. Petitioners are ordered to be released on bail on their furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the concerned Trial Court/Duty Magistrate. Nothing said herein shall be treated as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

18.11.2025
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(**RAJESH BHARDWAJ**)
JUDGE

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