



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

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CRM-M-21501-2024

Date of decision: 18th February, 2025

Amandeep @ Aman @ Amna

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

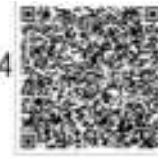
Present: Mr. Kanwar Inder Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Sakshi Bakshi, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab.

MANISHA BATRA, J (ORAL):-

This is the second petition for grant of regular bail as filed by the petitioner in case arising out of FIR No. 81 dated 30.06.2023 registered under Sections 379-B, 411 read with Section 34 of IPC and Section 25 of Arms Act, 1959 at Police Station Goraya, District Jalandhar. His previous petition bearing CRM-M-53754-2023 had been dismissed as withdrawn, vide order dated 14.12.2023.

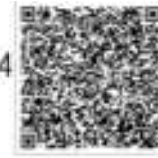
2. As per the allegations, as on 25.06.2023, the complainant who is a driver by profession was coming from Himachal while driving his Ashoka Leyland pick up vehicle carrying some fruits and was proceeding toward Ludhiana. While passing through Goraya City Area, his vehicle was intercepted by three youths, who came on a white colour Etios car. They alighted from their vehicle and by showing weapons, snatched cash amount of Rs. 16,000/-, one mobile phone belonging to the complainant and cash



amount of Rs. 2,000/- and mobile phone of his companion Satish Kumar. The complainant alleged that he had been making search for the culprits and was now sure that the petitioner along with the co-accused had committed the subject offences. FIR was registered. Investigation proceedings were initiated. During investigation, the petitioner, Rajpreet and Satnam were apprehended on 30.06.2023 on the basis of a secret information. One country made pistol with two live cartridges was recovered from the possession of the petitioner, whereas the mobile phone snatched from Satish Kumar was recovered from accused Rajpreet and one *datar* was recovered from accused Satnam. Offence under Section 411 of IPC was added. Investigation stands concluded.

3. The present petition has been filed by the petitioner on the grounds and it is argued by his counsel that he has been falsely implicated in this case. There is inordinate and unexplained delay of five days in reporting the matter to the police. No test identification parade of the petitioner was got conducted. Trial is likely to take time. He has been acquitted in some of the cases registered against him and is on bail in two such cases. He has a permanent abode. There are no chances of his absconding. His further detention would not serve any useful purpose. He is in custody since long. Co-accused have been extended benefit of bail. On parity, he too deserves to be released on bail. With these broad submissions, it is urged that the petitioner deserves to be released on bail.

4. Status report has been filed by respondent-State. It is argued by learned Assistant Advocate General, Punjab that the allegations against the petitioner are serious in nature. He is a habitual offender. There are chances



of his absconding or intimidating the witnesses, if extended benefit of bail.

Therefore, it is urged that the petition does not deserve to be allowed.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties at considerable length and have gone through the record carefully.

6. The petitioner along with the co-accused is alleged to have snatched money and mobile phone belonging to the complainant and his companion on the night of 25.06.2023. Recovery of one firearm, which was alleged to be carried by him at the time of occurrence has been effected from him. He is in custody since 30.06.2023. Co-accused Rajpreet and Satnam, whose case is on similar footing have since been extended benefit of bail by the learned trial Court. Trial is likely to take time. The involvement of the petitioner in other criminal cases cannot be considered to be a ground for denial of benefit of bail to him. Keeping in view the above discussed facts and circumstances of the case but without meaning to make any comment on the merits thereof, I am of the considered opinion that the petition deserves to be allowed. Hence, the same is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail subject to his furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate concerned.

7. Since the main petition has been allowed, pending application, if any, is rendered infructuous.

[MANISHA BATRA]
JUDGE

18th February, 2025

Parveen Sharma

1. *Whether speaking/ reasoned*
2. *Whether reportable*

: *Yes / No*
: *Yes / No*