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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

1) CRM-M-16908-2025
Date of Decision: 20.11.2025

PAWANDEEP SINGH Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB Respondent

2) CRM-M-4782-2025

AKASHDEEP SINGH @ AKASH @ AKASHDEEP SINGH
CHAHALPetitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB ...Respondent

3) CRM-M-63023-2025

GURPREET SINGHPetitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJABRespondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR

Present : Mr. D.S. Bhinder, Advocate
for the petitioner in CRM-M-16908-2025.

Dr. Anmol Ratan Sidhu, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. Kanishk Swaroop, Advocate
for the petitioner in CRM-M-4782-2025.

Ms. Amandeep Kaur, Legal Aid Counsel
for the petitioner in CRM-M-63023-2025.

Mr. Rahul Jindal, AAG, Punjab.

YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR, J. (Oral)



1. By this common order, above noted bail applications shall be adjudicated as the same have arisen out of the same FIR.

2. This is the first application under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023 for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.79 dated 28.09.2024, registered at Police Station Sadar Bajakhana, District Faridkot, under Sections 312, 311, 111, 223, 55 of BNS, 2023 and 25(6), 25(7), 27 of Arms Act, 1959 (after filing of challan subsequently trial Court has amended Section of the FIR as 310(4), 310(6), 223 of BNS, 2023 and Section 25 of Arms Act, 1959 vide order dated 18.11.2024 by the Court of Id. Sessions Judge, Faridkot

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners as well as learned State counsel have been heard and material collected by the police during investigation has been perused.

4. Brief facts of the prosecution case are that on 28.09.2024 at about 6.20 pm, ASI Gurmej Singh received secret information that 08 persons namely, Harsimrandeep Singh, Gurmukh Singh, Jaskaran Singh alias Jass, Lovedeep Singh, Pinder Maur, Akashdeep-petitioner, Laddi and Happy Gondara are present in Grain Market near Gurudwara Tibbi Sahib alongwith one Swift Car bearing registration No. PB-04U-9338 and another Fortuner Car and they are in possession of huge quantity of arms and ammunition and they may commit some offence. They can be apprehended alongwith heavy quantity of illegal weapons. Finding the information to be reliable, FIR in question was got registered for the offences under Sections 312, 311, 223, 55, 111 of BNS, 2023 and 25/27 of Arms Act, 1959 and investigation was conducted. Police party reached



the disclosed place and apprehended Akashdeep Singh and Jaskaran Singh on 29.09.2024, whereas the remaining persons escaped. Police recovered two pistol covers attached with bullet holder strap belts containing 10 live cartridges 30 bore from one belt and 25 live cartridges of 32 bore from another belt, but no pistol was recovered. One sword was also recovered from the co-accused Akashdeep Singh-petitioner and the same were taken into possession. Accused Jaskaran Singh was holding one pump action (12 bore) rifle and another rifle having two live cartridges (12 bore). He was also holding two bags from which 18 live cartridges of (12 bore) were recovered. Another bag was searched which contained Rs. 2,07,000/- in cash and same were taken into possession and accused were arrested. On 10.10.2024, accused-Akashdeep Singh suffered disclosure statement to the effect that pistol visible in his photograph which was recovered from him was delivered to him by Sukh and Bhau. On 28.09.2024, when raid was conducted, one pistol was also found lying in Fortuner Car which was driven away by Harsimrandeep Singh which is registered in the name of Mandeep Singh and thereafter, Sukh and Bhau were arraigned as accused. During interrogation of Akashdeep Singh, police got information about complicity of petitioner-Pawandeep Singh who was also accompanying them but had escaped and he was apprehended on 12.11.2024. Further, during interrogation of accused Harpreet Singh @ Happy Godara police got information of complicity of Gurpreet Singh @ Vally-petitioner. Thereafter, co-accused Manpreet Singh @ Bhau was arrested on 01.03.2025 but he was found to be innocent. Thereafter, on 17.05.2023, raid was conducted at the house



of Harsimrandeep Singh from where a sum of Rs. 39,60,000/- was recovered and later on, proceedings under Section 82 Cr.P.C. have been initiated against Surinder Singh @ Laddi and Harsimrandeep Singh. After completion of investigation, challan has been presented.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioners argued that accused-Akashdeep Singh was apprehended on the basis of secret information and it was alleged that they were armed with large quantity of weapons and were likely to commit some offence and at the time of raid, two pistol covers with 10 live cartridges 30 bore and 25 live cartridges of 32 bore and one sword were allegedly recovered from Akashdeep Singh, while petitioner-Pawandeep Singh and Gurpreet Singh were not apprehended at the spot. Subsequently, nothing has been recovered from their possession. Learned counsel contended that no offence under Section 111 of BNS, 2023 is made out and the offence under Section 312 of BNS, 2023 is also not made out as no attempt was made to rob anyone. The challan has already been presented, after completion of investigation. Trial has not made any progress and even charge has not been framed as yet. The trial is likely to take sufficiently long time to conclude and in these circumstances, further detention of the petitioners is not required and they deserve to be released on bail.

6. On the other hand, learned State counsel has opposed the bail and argued that petitioner does not deserve the concession of bail in view of the gravity of the offence.

7. As to whether offence under Sections 312 and 111 of BNS, 2023 are made out or not shall be the subject matter of trial. No attempt



was made to rob anyone and at the most, the provisions of Arms Act are attracted for keeping in possession one sword and cartridges. No weapon was recovered from any of the petitioners. Petitioners- Pawandeep and Akashdeep Singh are in custody since 12.11.2024. Petitioner- Gurpreet Singh is in custody since 16.01.2025. Challan has already been presented after completion of investigation. The trial is likely to take sufficiently long time to conclude and in these circumstances, further detention of the petitioners is not required and they deserve to be released on bail.

8. Having regard to the aforesaid factual position, but without commenting anything on the merits of the case, the bail application is allowed and petitioners are ordered to be released on bail on their furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned Trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned, on usual terms and conditions.

9. A photocopy of this order be placed on the connected case files.

(YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR)
JUDGE

20.11.2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No