



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

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CRM M-28303-2024

Date of Decision:29.07.2025

Kuldeep Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE N.S.SHEKHAWAT

Present: Mr. R.S. Bains, Senior Advocate with
Mr. M.S. Chauhan, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Rana, Sr. Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

Mr. Gaurav Garg Dhuriwala, Advocate with
Mr. Sachin Jaiswal, Advocate for the complainant.

N.S.SHEKHAWAT, J.

1. The petitioner has filed the instant petition under Section 439 of the Cr.P.C. with a prayer to grant a regular bail in case FIR No.37 dated 20.03.2024 registered under Sections 341, 186, 384 and 120-B of IPC (later on added Sections 7, 7-A and 12 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988) at Police Station Phase-1, SAS Nagar Mohali, Punjab.

2. The FIR in the present case has been registered on the basis of the statement made by Rupinder Singh and the same has been reproduced below:-

“Case No. 07 dated 27.01.2024 u/s 384, 120-B, I.P.C and & 7, 7-A and 12 P.C Act, P.S Phase 8, Mohali and in investigation of the same it was found that during the investigation of the previous case No. 117 dated 25.10.2023 under Sections 353 and 186, IPC, Phase 8, Mohali, it was found upon the search of the accused Malwinder Singh Sidhu about one voice recording and was sent to Forensic Laboratory for further investigation. Upon the Forensic analysis of the same case No. 07 dated 27.01.2024 under Sections 384 and 120-B IPC and 7, 7-A and 12 of P.C Act, in P.S Phase 8 Mohali for asking bribery of Rs. 15 Lakh was registered and also one more voice recording is found during investigation in which Malwinder Singh Sidhu regarding his dispute with his son-in-law namely Harpreet K. Singh regarding which a compliant was pending with the higher officials of Social Welfare and further to get the same complaint in his favour gave one Balvir Singh an amount of Rs. 30,000/- and mentioned to conduct one protest march. Upon further investigation it was found that this protest march was conducted before the police station of phase 1 due to which the general public had to suffer in the vicinity, government administration was obstructed, as well as an environment of terror upon the government officials with the intention to maintain pressure and get the complaints against his son-in-law namely Harpreet K. Singh as well as other complaints by hook or crook in their favor. That this protest march was by Malwinder Singh Sidhu in connivance with Balvir Singh with a premeditated plan to commit the above said unlawful act. That under

Sections 341, 186, 384 and 120-B all the ingredients are fulfilled hence it is requested to register one FIR by-hand through Constable Sahil 2320/SAS is sent to kindly do the needful and inform the case number. Phase 8 Mohali time 2:35 pm SD/- Rupinder Singh. Inspector. Station House Officer P.S:- Phase 8, Mohali dated 20.03.2024.”

3. Learned senior counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submits that the petitioner is working as driver in the Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Government of Punjab and has been a victim of deep rooted conspiracy, which was hatched by his nephew, namely, Harpreet K. Singh, who was the estranged son-in-law of Malwinder Singh Sidhu, former AIG of Punjab Police. The petitioner was earlier living in England from the year 2007 to 2010 and all his four brothers and sister Satwant Kaur deprived of him of their ancestral property by selling the property. Due to this, various complaints were filed against each other before different authorities/forums. Even, Harpreet K. Singh managed to get himself selected as an officer of Indian Accounts and Audit Services, by using a SC certificate and one FIR was also registered against him and his family members. Learned counsel further contends that even the FIR was registered on 20.03.2024 and the petitioner was involved in the present case on the basis of the disclosure statement suffered by the co-accused and he was wrongly arrested on 01st May 2024. Even, the present FIR was not even uploaded on the online F.I.R. portal only with a twin

objectives of keeping him behind the bars and for ensuring that he should not be able to comply with the conditions imposed by the Courts.

4. Learned senior counsel further contends that even, this matter was taken up by a Co-ordinate Bench of this Court on 30.05.2024 and the petitioner was granted the concession of *interim* regular bail by this Court. Since then, the petitioner had joined the investigation and had cooperated with the Investigating Agency in the present case. Even, the petitioner is not in a position to tamper with the prosecution evidence in any manner and the petition deserves to be allowed by this Court.

5. On the other hand, learned State counsel has vehemently opposed the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner on the ground that the petitioner is involved in a serious crime and does not deserve the concession of bail.

6. Learned counsel for the complainant has vehemently opposed the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner by referring to the previous litigation between the parties.

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

8. In the present case, the petitioner was arrested on 1st May 2024 and as per the custody certificate, he remained in custody till 3rd June 2024. Even in the present case, the investigation is almost

complete and the petitioner has not misused the concession of *interim* bail granted to him in any manner. Consequently, the *interim* order dated 30.05.2024 is made absolute. The petitioner shall remain on bail, during the course of trial on the bail bonds/surety bonds which have already been submitted by him before the concerned Court.

29.07.2025	(N.S.SHEKHAWAT)
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Whether reasoned/speaking	: Yes/No
Whether reportable	: Yes/No