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AT CHANDIGARH**

CRM-M-32704-2024
Date of decision: 13.10.2025

SURAJ MAL ALIAS SURJA

...PETITIONER

V/S

STATE OF HARYANA

...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUBHAS MEHLA

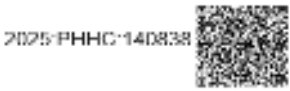
Present: Mr. Ashutosh Mishra, Advocate and
 Mr. Aman Kumar, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Karan Veer Singh, Senior DAG, Haryana.

Mr. Parvinder Moar, Advocate with
Mr. Tejas Ahlawat, Advocate for the complainant.

SUBHAS MEHLA, J. (ORAL)

1. By way of the present petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C., the petitioner is seeking regular bail in case FIR No.257 dated 13.06.2023 registered under Sections 302, 201 of Indian Penal Code, 1860 (Section 25 of Arms Act added later on) at Police Station Narnaud, Hansi, Haryana.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is in custody since 20.06.2023; he is not involved in any other case and has been falsely involved in the present case; the case of the prosecution is based on circumstantial evidence as there is no direct evidence regarding the implicity of the petitioner; last seen evidence related to the deceased is not trustworthy as it is having several discrepancies; material witnesses have already been examined and there are contradictions in their statements regarding recording of their statements by the police; name of the petitioner is not mentioned in the



FIR; trial of the case is likely to take long time. As such, learned counsel prays for grant of regular bail to the petitioner.

3. On the other hand, learned State counsel assisted by learned counsel for the complainant submitted that the case is fixed for prosecution evidence and material witnesses have been examined and only two are yet to be examined. As such, the trial is at the fag end and is to be concluded shortly. As such, he prayed for dismissal of the present petition.

4. Having heard learned counsel for the petitioner, as the petitioner is in custody since 20.06.2023, the instant petition stands disposed of with a direction to the trial Court to expedite the proceedings and conclude the trial preferably within a period of 4 months from the next date of hearing fixed before it. If the trial Court fails to conclude the trial within the stipulated period, the petitioner would be at liberty to move an appropriate application seeking grant of bail before the Trial Court. Upon such application being filed, the trial Court shall release the petitioner on bail subject to his furnishing requisite bonds to its satisfaction by imposing such condition so that his presence can be secured during the trial, as the petitioner has been in custody for more than two years. It is made clear that if the delay in the trial is caused on the part of the petitioner/accused, then he shall not be entitled for the aforesaid relief.

October 13, 2025
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(SUBHAS MEHLA)
JUDGE

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| (i) | Whether speaking/reasoned | Yes/No |
| (ii) | Whether reportable | Yes/No |