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

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CRM-M-44473-2025 (O&M)

Date of decision: 27.10.2025

Jagjeet Singh @ Jaggi @ Chini**...Petitioner****Versus****State of Punjab****...Respondent****CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA**

Present:- Mr. Manjinder Singh Saini, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Sakshi Bakshi, AAG, Punjab.

MANISHA BATRA, J. (Oral)

1. This petition has been filed by the petitioner under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking regular bail in case bearing FIR No. 22 dated 09.11.2023, registered under Sections 384, 506, 120-B and 411 of IPC and Section 25 and 25(7) of the Arms Act at Police Station State Special Operation Cell, District SAS Nagar, Mohali.

2. The aforementioned FIR was registered on the allegations that on 09.11.2023, a secret information was received by SI Manpreet Singh, posted at Police Station SSOC, Mohali, that Gaurav Patial @ Lucky, who was ring leader of Devinder Bambiha gang operating from abroad and involved in extracting ransom money from the businessmen of Punjab by extending threats to kill them, had been operating through the present petitioner and co-accused Anmol Singh, Manpreet Singh and some unknown persons in the State of Punjab and said Gaurav Patial had sent illegal weapons to the above

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named persons in huge quantity for facilitating commission of offences of extortion. It was also informed that the petitioner, along with the accused Anmol Singh and Manpreet Singh, was coming on a motorbike from Ludhiana side while being armed with weapons to do some target killing and could be apprehended along with huge cache of weapons. Believing the secret information to be true, the aforementioned FIR was registered. A barricade was laid and the petitioner, along with co-accused and Anmol Singh and Manpreet Singh, was arrested when they came riding on a motorbike in that area. On checking, one pistol of .32 bore and five live cartridges were recovered from the custody of the petitioner, whereas, one .32 bore pistol and three live cartridges each from the custody of the co-accused were recovered, which were taken into possession. The petitioner and co-accused were interrogated and they suffered disclosure statements. As per the disclosure made by the petitioner, it was on asking of Gaurav Patial @ Lucky that he had brought six pistols from Madhya Pradesh and had handed over two pistols to one Sukhchain Dass @ Deep, who was also nominated as an accused. Some other persons were also nominated as such and arrested subsequently. Recoveries were also effected from them. Investigation now stands completed and *chalan* has been presented in the Court.

3. It is argued by learned counsel for the petitioner that he has been falsely implicated in this case. A false recovery has been planted upon him. He is in custody since 09.11.2023. Co-accused Manpreet Singh, Shukchain Dass, Anmol Singh and Ricky Ghai @ Lakha have been extended benefit of bail. On parity, he too deserves to be extended the same benefit. He is on bail

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in other cases registered against him. Even otherwise, his involvement in those cases cannot be considered to be a reason to reject his petition. Conclusion of trial is likely to take time. No useful purpose would be served by keeping him in custody anymore. It is, therefore, urged that he deserves to be released on bail.

4. *Per contra*, learned State counsel has argued that keeping in view the gravity of the allegations levelled against the petitioner as well as his criminal antecedents, he does not deserve to be extended benefit of bail. Hence, it is urged that petition is liable to be dismissed.

5. This Court has heard the rival submissions of both the sides.

6. The petitioner along with the co-accused is alleged to be found in possession of illicit weapons i.e. one.32 bore pistol and five live cartridges. As per the allegations, he was the member of a gang involved in extorting money from the businessmen of the State of Punjab by extending threats to them. However, no specific instance about his involvement in making any extortion has been given. Co-accused Manpreet Singh and Anmol Singh, who were apprehended along with him and whose case is on similar footing, have since been extended benefit of bail. The petitioner is in custody since 09.11.2023. The trial would obviously take considerable time to conclude. Keeping in view the above discussed facts, this Court is of the considered opinion that the petitioner has made out a case for his release on bail. Accordingly, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail, subject to his furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned and on the following conditions:-

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- (i) the petitioner shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case or tamper with the evidence of the case in any manner whatsoever.
- (ii) he shall deposit his passport, if any, with the learned trial Court and shall not leave the country under any circumstance without permission of the learned trial Court.
- (iii) he shall appear before the learned trial Court as and when directed.
- (iv) he shall provide his address where he would be residing after release and shall not change the same without informing the concerned IO/SHO.
- (v) the petitioner shall upon his release give his mobile phone number to concerned IO/SHO and shall keep his mobile phone switched on all times.

7. In the event of there being any FIR/complaint lodged against the petitioner, it shall be open to the respondent to seek redressal by filing an application seeking cancellation of bail.

8. It is made clear that any observation made herein above is only for the purpose of deciding the present petition and the same shall have no bearing on the merits of the case.

27.10.2025
Waseem Ansari

(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>