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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-47312-2024
Date of decision:-12.03.2025

PRINCEPAL SINGH @ SIDHU
Versus
STATE OF PUNJAB
... Petitioner
... Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJIV BERRY.

Present:- Mr. Malkiat Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Ankit Grewal, DAG, Haryana.

SANJIV BERRY, J.(ORAL)

The instant petition has been preferred by the petitioner under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023(BNSS), for grant of regular bail in the following case (Annexure P-1):-

FIR No.	Dated	Sections	Police Station
125	07.11.2023	379-B(2), 120-B, 411, 148, 149 of IPC and Section 25 of Arms Act.	E-Division, District Amritsar

2. Arguments heard.
3. It is *inter alia* contended by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in this case and is in custody since 08.11.2023. He submits that even during course of trial material witnesses have not identified the petitioner to be the person who had snatched the articles. He submits that after completion of investigation challan has already been presented in Court and only 4 witnesses have been



examined so far. Hence, prayed for grant of regular bail to the petitioner.

4. *On the other hand*, learned State counsel referring to the reply submitted by the State, has opposed the bail and submits that considering the nature and gravity of the offence petitioner is not entitled to the concession of regular bail, hence prayed for dismissal of the bail petition.

5. After considering the rival contentions and perusing the record, it transpires that the instant case was registered on the complaint of Nitish Sarin to the effect that on 07.11.2023 at about 9:50 pm while he was present in his shop, then five persons armed with weapons entered the shop and by putting him under fear, had forcibly taken away cash box and mobile phone of the complainant. Subsequently, the petitioner was arrested on 08.11.2023, after completion of investigation, challan has already been presented in Court, wherein 4 witnesses have been examined including the eye witness namely Baljit Singh and Amit Kumar who have been examined as PW-1 and PW-2 and they have not supported the case of the prosecution against the petitioner and were declared hostile. Admittedly, the petitioner is not having any criminal antecedents, the conclusion of trial to ascertain criminal liability, if any will take sufficient long time, as such, no purpose would be served by detaining petitioner any longer.

6. Therefore, in these circumstances, without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on bail subject to furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned Trial Court concerned, if not required in any other case; undertaking to regularly appear on each and every date; not to leave the



country without prior permission of the Court; and not to tamper with evidence of prosecution in any manner.

7. Any observation made above shall not be construed as opinion of this Court on the merits of the case.
8. Pending application(s) if any shall also stand disposed of.

(SANJIV BERRY)
JUDGE

12.03.2025

Gyan	i)	Whether speaking/reasoned?	Yes/No
	ii)	Whether reportable?	Yes/No