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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

245		CRM-M-60148-2025
Ishmeet Singh @ Rishu		...Petitioner
	Versus	
State of Punjab		...Respondent
234-1		CRM-M-30042-2025
Gurpreet Singh		...Petitioner
	Versus	
State of Punjab		...Respondent
234-2		CRM-M-30317-2025
Varinderjit Singh		...Petitioner
	Versus	
State of Punjab		...Respondent
234-3		CRM-M-47127-2025
Dilpreet Singh @ Dil		...Petitioner
	Versus	
State of Punjab		...Respondent

Date of Decision: 17.11.12025

Coram : Hon’ble Mr. Justice Rajesh Bhardwaj

Present: Mr. Davinder Bir Singh, Advocate,
for the petitioner in CRM-M-60148-2025.

Mr. Prateek Pandit, Advocate,
for the petitioner in CRM-M-30042-2025.

Mr. Gurjinder Singh, Advocate,
for the petitioner in CRM-M-30317-2025.

Mr. HPS Sandhu, Advocate,
for the petitioner in CRM-M-47127-2025.

Ms. Simran Gorla, AAG, Punjab.

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**Rajesh Bhardwaj, J. (Oral)**

1. By way of this common order, this Court intend to dispose of abovesaid four petitions as they have arisen out of the same FIR.

2. Petitioners have approached this Court by way of filing the present petitions praying for grant of regular bail to them in case FIR No.234 dated 29.10.2024, registered under Section 25 of the Arms Act, 1959 (Sections 111, 111(2), 111(3) and 111(4) of the BNS, 2023 and Section 29 of the Arms Act, 1959 added later on), at Police Station Islamabad, District Police Commissionerate, Amritsar. Petitioners Ishmeet Singh @ Rishu and Varinderjit Singh have filed their first petition, whereas petitioner Dilpreet Singh @ Dil has filed his second petition as his earlier petition bearing CRM-M-7595-2025 was dismissed as withdrawn on 06.03.2025. Petitioner Gurpreet Singh also filed his present third petition for grant of bail as his earlier bail applications bearing CRM-M-65269-2024 and CRM-M-12754-2025 were dismissed as withdrawn vide orders dated 13.01.2025 and 12.03.2025 respectively.

3. Succinctly, facts of the case are that the police party, while on patrolling on 29.10.2024 and was present at Kabir Park Chowk, Amritsar, received a secret information to the effect that Karanjit Singh @ Dhani, Jashandeep Singh @ Maya @ Chillar, Dilpreet Singh @ Dil, Chheharta and Ishmeet Singh were involved in selling the illegal weapons by bringing the same from other States. It was informed that on that day, they were waiting for delivery of weapons to their customers at Cara Wali UT Market and if a raid is conducted, they can be apprehended along with the illegal weapons. Accordingly, a raid was conducted at the disclosed place and four persons including Ishmeet Singh @ Rishu (petitioner in CRM-M-60148-2025) and Dilpreet Singh @ Dil (petitioner in CRM-M-47127-2025) were arrested at the

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spot. During investigation, Karanjit Singh made a disclosure statement about complicity of Gurpreet Singh (petitioner in CRM-M-30042-2025) and Varinderjit Singh (petitioner in CRM-M-30317-2025) and they were nominated as accused and were arrested on 30.10.2024. Investigating agencies recovered three pistols from Dilpreet Singh @ Dil and Ishmeet and rest of 8 country made pistols and 23 live cartridges were recovered from Gurpreet Singh and Varinderjit Singh. The petitioners approached the Court of learned Additional Sessions Judge, Amritsar, praying for grant of bail, however, after hearing counsel for the parties, the learned Additional Sessions Judge declined the same vide orders dated 18.07.2025, 29.11.2024 and 11.12.2024 respectively. Hence, being aggrieved, the petitioners are before this Court by way of filing the present petitions praying for grant of regular bail.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners have submitted that the petitioners have been falsely implicated in the present case on the basis of presumptions and assumptions as the prosecution case is based only on the secret information. It is submitted that the alleged recovery, if any, is a planted recovery and the petitioners have no criminal antecedents as they are not involved in any criminal case of similar nature. It is further submitted that the petitioners are behind the bars since 29.10.2024/30.10.2024 and, thus, suffered incarceration of more than one year, however, the trial did not commence till date for the want of sanction and FSL report(s) and, thus, in view of these facts and circumstances, the petitioners deserve to be released on regular bail by this Court.

5. Learned State counsel however has opposed the submissions made by counsel for the petitioners. She submitted that petitioners Ishmeet Singh @ Rishu and Dilpreet Singh @ Dil were specifically named in the secret information and they were even arrested at the spot and so far rest of the two

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complicity was surfaced in the disclosure statement of co-accused Karanjit Singh and recovery has also been effected from them and, thus, they do not deserve to be released on bail. However, she concedes the factum that all the petitioners are behind the bars since the last more than one year and has placed on record their respective custody certificates depicting the said position and also affirms that the trial in the case did not commence till date.

7. After hearing counsel for the parties and perusing the record, it is deciphered that the FIR is based on the secret information in which though petitioners Ishmeet Singh @ Rishu and Dilpreet Singh @ Dil were named, however, petitioners Gurpreet Singh and Varinderjit Singh were nominated only on the basis of disclosure statement of co-accused Karanjit Singh. As is evident from the custody certificates placed on record, all the petitioners are behind the bars since the last more than one year and all the petitioners except Dilpreet Singh @ Dil are involved in other cases as well. However, it is also a matter of fact that the trial did not commence yet for want of sanction and FSL report(s).

8. The veracity of the allegations would be assessed only after conclusion of the trial and on the appreciation of evidence to be led by both the parties before the trial Court. The trial of the case will take sufficiently long time. However, keeping in view the overall facts and circumstances of the present cases, this Court is of the opinion that learned counsel for the petitioners succeeded in making out a case for grant of regular bail. Accordingly, the present petitions are allowed and the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail on their furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court/Duty Magistrate. However, if petitioner Varinderjit Singh does not furnish the bail bonds within seven days from today, then his further custody period after one week will not be counted in this case.

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Nothing said herein shall be treated as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case

November 17, 2025
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(Rajesh Bhardwaj)
Judge

Whether Speaking/Reasoned: NO/YES
Whether Reportable: NO/YES