



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-55143-2024

Date of decision: February 3rd, 2025

Satinder Singh alias Laddi

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Ms. Varsha Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Navdeep Singh, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in this petition is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.132 dated 02.10.2024 under Section 27 of the Arms Act, 1959 (Section 111 of the BNS, 2023 added later on) registered at Police Station Division No.2, Pathankot.

2. Vide order dated 06.11.2024, the petitioner had been granted interim anticipatory bail with direction to join investigation and the relevant part of the said order reads as under:-

“Learned counsel for the petitioner inter alia contends that although a secret information was received qua co-accused Deepak Malhotra and others with respect to the offences under the Arms Act, however, the petitioner was neither named therein nor is it the case of the prosecution that the petitioner was accompanying the co-accused at the time when they were allegedly apprehended with the arms and ammunition. It has been further submitted that the petitioner was nominated as an accused in the present case on the basis of a disclosure statement and even in the disclosure statement it was

stated by the coaccused that the petitioner had obtained one firearm from them, which had later been returned to the co-accused.”

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of order dated 06.11.2024, the petitioner has joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency.
4. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Bodh Raj, does not dispute the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency. He, on further instructions, submits that the petitioner is not required for further investigation much less for his custodial interrogation.
5. In view of the above, the petition is allowed and interim order dated 06.11.2024, is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C./482(2) BNSS.

February 3rd, 2025
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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes

Whether reportable : No