



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

CRA-S-3846-2024

Date of decision : 27.08.2025

Sandeep @ Katappa

.....Appellant

Versus

State of Haryana and another

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE

Present: Mr. Chirag Suri, Advocate,
for the appellant.

Mr. Deepak Balyan, Addl. Advocate General, Haryana.

Mr. Rakesh Kumar Lathwal, Advocate,
for respondent No.2.

SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE (Oral)

1. Appellant Sandeep alias Katappa, who is in custody since 26.03.2022 and is alleged with murder, has filed this appeal against order dated 25.07.2024 passed by the Court of learned Additional Sessions Judge, Sonapat, dismissing the application filed by the appellant for grant of regular bail in FIR No. 122 dated 07.09.2021 under Sections 302 IPC, 25 of the Arms Act and 3 (2) (v) of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, registered at Police Stationi Mohana, District Sonipat.
2. Learned counsel for the State of Haryana has filed custody certificate of the appellant, which is taken on record.



3. Though the prosecution case is based on circumstantial evidence, but the appellant has been implicated on the basis of his confessional statement in another case, i.e. FIR No. 61 dated 25.03.2022 under Sections 25, 54, 59 of the Arms Act, registered at Police Station Mohana, District Sonipat, which led to recovery of the offending fire arm.

4. Considering the fact that out of 27 enlisted witnesses, only one has been examined by the prosecution, and some important eye witnesses are yet to be examined, it would be appropriate to allow the main eye witnesses to be examined before the request for bail is considered.

4.1 More so, a perusal of the custody certificate reveals the appellant has also criminal antecedents, comprising of robbery, theft and dacoity.

5. In view of above, no case for grant of bail is made out.

6. Consequently, the appeal stands dismissed for the time being, with liberty to the appellant to re-visit the Court, in case the trial gets further delayed or after the main prosecution witnesses are examined, whichever is earlier.

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

August 27, 2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No