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

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**CRM-M-57540-2025 (O&M)
Decided on: 26.11.2025**

MANVIR SINGH

.....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUBHAS MEHLA

Present: Mr. Rangat Joshi, Advocate with
Mr. Amanpreet Singh Dhiman, Advocate
for the petitioner.

SUBHAS MEHLA, J. (Oral)

1. This is the fourth petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C (now u/s 483 BNSS, 2023) seeking regular bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No. 18 dated 28.02.2022 (Annexure P-1) under Sections 341, 307, 427, 506, 148, 149 IPC & 25, 54, 59 Arms Act, registered at Police Station Nurpur Bedi, Rupnagar.

2. Allegations against the present petitioner are that the complainant Talwinder Singh alongwith his friend Maninder Singh @ Mani was travelling in car of make Verna. One Sodhi Fauji alongwith Gurchet Singh was following them by their Swift Car and behind them, Gurpreet Siingh was coming on his motorcycle. When they reached near the house of Manvir Singh, Manvir Singh armed with .32 bore pistol, Gaggi resident of village Kolapur armed with Danda, Tejinder Singh



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resident of village Shahpur armed with Desi Katta (country made pistol), Amarjit Singh @ Lucky armed with *gandasa* and 3-4 unidentified persons came out from the gate of house of Manvir Singh. Tejinder Singh shot fire towards their Verna car with his *Desi Katta* (country made pistol) which hit on the left side of their Verna car. Thereafter, Manvir Singh shot fire from his .32 bore pistol towards their car which hit on the rear wind shield of their car.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contended that the petitioner was granted regular bail on merit in this case vide order dated 01.06.2022 passed by a Coordinate Bench of this Court in CRM-M-23510 of 2022. The petitioner had already applied for a visa in the year 2021 i.e. before the registration of the present FIR. However, in order to secure employment and to financially support himself & his family, he went abroad, as a result of which he was declared a proclaimed offender vide order dated 25.05.2023 passed by the trial Court. The petitioner was later on, arrested on 22.01.2025. He further contended that the trial will take sufficient time to conclude and no fruitful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind the bars. It is also contended that the petitioner is ready to abide by any condition(s) as imposed by the Court.

4. Notice of motion.

5. On advance notice, Mr. Surinderjit Singh Nahar, AAG, Punjab, who is present in the Court, accepted notice on behalf of respondent-State and opposed the concession of regular bail to the petitioner while submitting that the the petitioner may flee from the



process of justice, if released on bail again. However, he does not dispute the fact that other co-accused in the present case are on bail and also, two co-accused are yet to be arrested in this case.

6. Heard.

7. As per the facts and circumstances of the case that the petitioner was granted bail on merits in this case but during the said period, he misused the concession of bail so granted and was declared a proclaimed offender. However, he was arrested later on, on 22.01.2025 and is in custody since then; trial will take sufficient time to conclude as 02 accused in the present case are yet to be arrested; except the present case, the petitioner is not involved in any criminal activity; moreover, bail cannot be denied just as a measure of punishment as culpability of the accused will be decided at the final stage by the Trial Court after adducing of evidence by both sides; no useful purpose would be served by keeping him in custody for any further period; this Court deems it a fit case to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioner.

7. Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the instant petition is **allowed**. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Chief Judicial Magistrate concerned *while imposing such conditions so as to secure the presence of the petitioner during the trial.*



8. Nothing observed herein shall be construed as an opinion on the merits of the main case.

(SUBHAS MEHLA)
JUDGE

26.11.2025
Sonia Puri

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