



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

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CRM-M-59804-2024 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 08.01.2025

JAGGA SINGH

....Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

....Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present : Mr. Kamal Kumar Yogi, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Ruchika Sabherwal, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

MANISHA BATRA, J. (Oral)

1. The instant petition for grant of regular bail is filed by the petitioner in case arising out of FIR No.22 dated 01.03.2024 registered under Sections 419, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 120-B of IPC at Police Station City Fazilka, District Fazilka.

2. The aforementioned FIR was registered on a complaint got lodged by the Reader of the Court of Shri Jagmohan Singh Sanghe, learned Additional District & Sessions Judge, Fazilka alleging therein that trial of the case arising out of FIR No.19 dated 02.03.2023 registered under Sections 21, 29 of Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 at Police Station City-II, Abohar was pending before his Court. In pursuance of order dated 01.04.2023, Sikandar who was named as an accused in the aforementioned FIR, had been ordered to be released on bail. He furnished personal as well as surety bonds before learned trial Court. It was revealed on checking that one Gurpiar



Singh appeared as surety of accused Sikandar by impersonating himself as Gurbinder Singh by furnishing false Aadhar card and other documents and he had been identified by the present petitioner.

3. After registration of FIR, investigation proceedings were initiated. The petitioner was arrested on 02.04.2021. Presently, he along with the co-accused is facing trial for commission of aforementioned offences.

4. It is argued by the learned counsel for the petitioner that he is in custody since long. The subject offences are triable by Magistrate. He has a permanent abode. There are no chances of his absconding or intimidating the witnesses. He is ready to abide by terms and conditions to be imposed upon him. As such, it is urged that he deserves to be extended benefit of bail.

5. *Per contra*, learned Senior Deputy Advocate General, Punjab who has advance notice of the petition has submitted that there are serious allegations against the petitioner. There are chances of his committing similar offences again, if extended benefit of bail to him and, therefore, it is urged that he does not deserve to be released on bail.

6. The petitioner is in custody since 02.04.2024. The trial is likely to take time. The subject offences are triable by learned Magistrate. There is no basis for the contention that he may intimidate the witnesses or abscond. Keeping in view the above facts and



circumstances but without meaning to make any comment on the merits of the case, I am of the considered opinion that the petitioner deserves to be extended benefit of bail. Hence, the petition is allowed and petitioner is ordered to be admitted to bail subject to his furnishing personal and surety bonds **of two sureties** to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/concerned Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate.

08.01.2025

Deepak Patwal

(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE

- 1. Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
- 2. Whether reportable : Yes/No