



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

**CRM-M-61982-2024**

**Date of decision : 17.02.2025**

**Gurjeet Singh @ Gaggu**

**.....Petitioner**

**versus**

**State of Punjab**

**..... Respondent**

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ**

Present :- Mr. Lakhwinder Singh Mann, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. J.S. Arora, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Nirmaljeet Singh Sidhu, Advocate  
for the complainant.

**RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)**

1. Prayer in the present petition is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.112 dated 24.08.2024, under Sections 420 of IPC (Sections 467, 468, 471 of IPC added later on), registered at Police Station Sadar Bathinda, District Bathinda.

2. As per the facts of the case, the FIR in the present case was lodged on the statement of Lovedeep Singh. It has been alleged that Jagjeet Singh in conspiracy with Gurjeet Singh (petitioner), Tej Singh and Amarjit Singh have prepared a fake and forged agreement to sell dated 13.05.2023 with his fake signatures. It was further alleged that on the basis of this forged agreement to sell they were harassing Lovedeep Singh in order to grab his land. Request was made to take legal action against the culprits. On registration of the FIR, investigation commenced. Petitioner was arrested in this case on 12.09.2024. Petitioner approached the Court of learned Additional Sessions Judge, Bathinda praying for grant of bail however, after hearing both the sides, learned Additional Sessions Judge,



Bathinda, declined the same vide his order dated 28.10.2024. Hence, petitioner is before this Court by way of filing the present petition.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner, at the outset, prays for the grant of bail on the basis of parity with that of co-accused Jagjeet Singh. He has drawn the attention of this Court to the order passed by this Court in CRM-M-56542-2024 dated 31.01.2025 whereby co-accused of the petitioner, namely, Jagjeet Singh has been granted the concession of bail. He has submitted that case of the petitioner is at par with the co-accused, who has been granted bail by this Court. He also submits that co-accused namely, Tej Singh and Amarjit Singh have also been granted anticipatory bail by this Court. He submits that on the basis of the parity, the petitioner deserves to be granted bail as case of the petitioner is similar to that of the co-accused, who has already been granted bail by this Court.

4. Learned counsel for the complainant has opposed the submissions made by counsel for the petitioner. He has submitted that petitioner has actively participated in the offence committed wherein forged agreement to sell has been made by the petitioner in conspiracy with the co-accused. It is submitted that no ground is made out for grant of regular bail to the petitioner.

5. Learned State counsel has opposed the submissions made by counsel for the petitioner. He has placed on record status report by way of an affidavit of Ms. Heena Gupta, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Rural, Bathinda. He has submitted the petitioner has played an active role in forging the agreement to sell. However, he affirms that co-accused Jagjeet Singh has already been granted regular bail by this Court passed in CRM-M-56542-2024 dated 31.01.2025 and co-accused namely, Tej Singh and Amarjit Singh Brar have been granted anticipatory bail by this Court.



He has submitted that investigation is complete and challan has already been filed. He has placed on record custody certificate of the petitioner.

6. After hearing counsel for the parties and perusing the record, it is deciphered that on registration of the FIR, investigation commenced and petitioner was arrested on 12.09.2024. As submitted investigation is already complete. Co-accused Jagjeet Singh has been granted regular bail and two of the co-accused are already on anticipatory bail. Custody certificate filed by the State shows that petitioner has no criminal antecedents.

7. 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. Keeping in view the arguments raised by both the sides and perusing the record, this Court is of the opinion that learned counsel for the petitioner succeeds in making out a case for grant of regular bail on the basis of parity with co-accused, Jagjeet Singh who has already been granted regular bail by this Court vide order dated 31.01.2025 passed in CRM-M-56542-2024. Accordingly, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court/Duty Magistrate. Nothing said herein shall be treated as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

17.02.2025  
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( **RAJESH BHARDWAJ** )  
**JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No  
Whether reportable : Yes/No