

**CRM-M-12899-2026****1****IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH****150-2****CRM-M-12899-2026****Decided on :24.03.2026**

Manbir Singh

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Amit Arora, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Manjinder Singh Bhullar, DAG, Punjab.

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SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (Oral)

1. Present petition has been filed under Section 483 of BNSS, seeking regular bail in case FIR No.257 dated 17.09.2025, under Sections 25, 54, 59 of Arms Act (Sections 25(6), 25(7), 25(8), 54, 59 of Arms Act were added later on), registered at Police Station Gate Hakima, District Amritsar.

2. On 17.09.2025, SI Kanwaljit Singh, along with other police officials, was present near Chowk Bhagtanwala in connection with patrolling when a secret informer provided specific and reliable information regarding accused Amarjit Singh being involved in the illegal procurement and supply of firearms. Acting upon the said information, a raid was conducted, and Amarjit Singh was apprehended while in conscious possession of a Glock 9 mm pistol along with a magazine without any valid licence. During the course of investigation, the said accused, in his disclosure statement, named present petitioner-Manbir Singh, as his associate in the illicit trade of arms. Consequently, petitioner was nominated as an accused and arrested on 18.09.2025.

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During interrogation, petitioner disclosed his involvement in supplying illegal weapons in connivance with cross-border smugglers and, in pursuance of his disclosure statement, led to the recovery of six pistols of 9 mm and three pistols of .30 bore from a concealed place.

3. Considering the nature and gravity of the allegations, specific role attributed to the petitioner, and the recovery of multiple illegal firearms effected at his instance, this Court is of the opinion that petitioner was actively involved in organized illegal arms trafficking. The allegations are serious in nature and have wider ramifications on public safety. In view of the aforesaid facts and circumstances, this Court does not find it a fit case for grant of discretionary relief of regular bail to the petitioner. Accordingly, present petition stands dismissed.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

24.03.2026***Rashmi***

Whether speaking/reasoned: *Yes/No*
Whether Reportable: *Yes/No*