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

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*Whether only operative part of the judgment is
pronounced or the full Judgment is pronounced:* **Full Judgment**

LOVEJIT SINGH @ LOVE @ BHUND**... APPELLANT****Versus****STATE OF PUNJAB****... RESPONDENT**

**CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJIV BERRY**

Present:- Mr. Tajveer Singh, Advocate (arguing counsel)
Mr. Ashish Pundir, Advocate for the appellant.

Mr. Salil Sabhlok, Sr. Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

SANJIV BERRY, J.

CRM-13134-2025 in CRA-D-486-2025

1. Heard on the application for condonation of delay.
2. Keeping in view the facts and circumstances as mentioned in the application, delay of 112 days in filing of the instant appeal is allowed for the time being, subject to the final decision to be taken by the Apex Court in case Writ Petition (Crl.) No.114 of 2024, titled as *Sushila Devi & Anr. vs. Union of India through NIA & Ors.*, wherein the question as to whether the limitation prescribed under Section 45(2) of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 is mandatory or not.

**Main case**

1. By way of instant appeal, appellant Lovejit Singh @ Love @ Bhund has challenged the order dated 28.10.2024 passed by Ld. Additional Sessions Judge, Tarn Taran whereby regular bail application in FIR No.0142 dated 07.09.2022, under Sections 389 IPC, Section 25(6), 25(7)(i), Arms Act, Section 4 and 5 of Explosives Substance Act, Sections 21, 29, NDPS Act (subsequently added offences under Section 120-B & 387 IPC, 13,16,17, 18, 18-B, 20 of Unlawful Activity (Prevention) Act, 1967 (in short UAPA) and 389 IPC, Section 21, 29 NDPS deleted vide Rapat No.15 dated 03.12.2022 and further added Section 489 IPC vide Rapat dated 22.02.2023, registered at Police Station, Sirhali, District Tarn Taran, had been dismissed.

2. Heard.

3. It is *inter alia* contended by learned counsel for the appellant that the appellant is innocent and has been falsely implicated in this case and he is in custody since 17.11.2022. He contends that the trial is going on at snails pace and it will take sufficient time for conclusion of trial, as such the appellant is unnecessarily lingering in custody, hence prayed for grant of bail by acceptance of appeal.

4. Per contra, learned counsel for the State has opposed grant of bail to the petitioner by arguing that the appellant had been a member of terrorist outfit indulging in terrorist activities and he was named in the FIR. Moreover appellant is involved in more than 12 other criminal cases, hence he prayed for dismissal of the appeal.

5. After considering the rival contentions and perusing the record, it transpires that on the basis of secret information the instant FIR was registered



to the fact that Lakhbir Singh @ Landa Harwinder Singh @ Rinda who are in Pakistan are running terrorist activities and illegal racket of smuggling heroin, explosives and hand grenades and also running extortion racket whereby they have been calling from virtual mobile numbers to their contacts demanding extortion money and also directing persons named in the FIR to execute their plan in threatening such contacts. The appellant has been named as one of their gang member and was arrested in this case on 17.11.2022 while he was produced on production warrant and after completion of investigation, challan was presented against him before the trial Court and the charges are yet to be framed. It transpires from custody certificate produced by learned counsel for the State that the appellant is also facing trial in more than 12 other criminal cases, and hence having criminal antecedents.

6. Thus, considering the nature and gravity of offences and the fact that the appellant is also involved in other criminal cases, and does not have clean antecedents, no ground of linency is made out in his favour at this stage, as such, the appeal is hereby dismissed.

7. Pending application(s) if any, stands disposed of.

(SANJIV BERRY)
JUDGE

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

Dated: 21.05.2026

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i)	Whether speaking/reasoned?	Yes/No
ii)	Whether reportable?	Yes/No