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

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Date of Decision: 09.03.2026

Karan Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

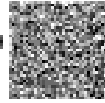
Present: Mr. H.S. Sandhu, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr.Raj Karan Singh, AAG, Punjab.

Rajesh Bhardwaj, J. (ORAL)

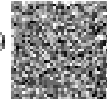
1. Prayer in the present petition is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in a case FIR No.59 dated 12.06.2024, registered under Sections 387, 506 IPC, Sections 25, 54, 59, 25(6) of Arms Act and Sections 21-C, 29, 61, 85 of NDPS Act, 1985, at Police Station Bhikhiwind, District Tarn Taran.

2. Succinctly, facts of the case are that the FIR in the present case was registered on the statement of complainant Jaskaran Singh Sandhu. It was alleged that he is Doctor by profession and running a clinic, namely, Simran Hospital on Khem Karan Road. On 09.06.2024 and 11.06.2024, on his father's mobile number i.e. 98720-72294 and his mobile number i.e. 98723-30060, they received extortion call, where Rs.50 lacs were demanded from them. Thus, request for taking legal action was made and the FIR was registered. Investigation commenced. During investigation, the complainant made a supplementary statement on 21.06.2024, wherein, he alleged that from the enquiry conducted by him at his own level, he has found that the petitioner (Karan Singh) alongwith co-accused are involved in the offence.



Thus, the petitioner was arrayed as an accused and resultantly, he was arrested on 12.01.2025. During the investigation, 30 bore pistol alongwith 02 live cartridges and 256 grams of heroin were recovered from the co-accused and thus, offence under the Arms Act and NDPS Act, were also added in the present case. On completion of the investigation, the challan was presented and on framing of charges, the trial commenced. The petitioner approached the Court of learned Additional Sessions Judge, Tarn Taran praying for grant of regular bail. However, after hearing both the sides, the learned Court finding no merit in the same, dismissed the bail applications filed by the petitioner vide order dated 05.03.2025. Earlier, the petitioner approached this Court by way of filing CRM-M-15932-2025, however, the same was dismissed as not pressed, vide order dated 05.04.2025. Hence, the petitioner has again approached this Court praying for grant of bail by way of filing the present second petition

3. It has been vehemently contended by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. He has submitted that neither the petitioner was named in the FIR, nor any specific allegation has been levelled against him, However, without any rhymes and reasons on the basis of supplementary statement of the complainant, the petitioner has been named in the present FIR. He submits that the petitioner had no relation whatsoever with the complainant and thus, the supplementary statement made by the complainant is totally based on presumptions and assumptions. To buttress his arguments, he has submitted that the petitioner has no criminal antecedents, as he has never been involved in any other case. He further submits that in all there are six accused, and



rest of the accused are already on bail. It has been submitted that though offences under the NDPS Act and the Arms Act are alleged in the present FIR, however, these allegations are not against the petitioner but against to the co-accused. He, thus, submits that the petitioner deserves to be granted regular bail.

4. *Per contra*, learned State counsel has opposed the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner. He has submitted that during investigation, complicity of the petitioner was duly surfaced and the complainant himself made a supplementary statement, wherein, the petitioner has been specifically named. He submits that during the investigation, 30 bore pistol, 02 live cartridges and 256 grams of heroin were recovered from the co-accused and thus, offence under the Arms Act and NDPS Act, were added in the present case. He submits that there are six accused and remaining five accused are already on bail. On instructions, he submits that out of total 13 prosecution witnesses, only 01 witness has been examined till date. He has placed on record the custody certificate of the petitioner.

5. After hearing counsel for the parties and perusing the record, it is deciphered that the petitioner has been arrayed as an accused on the basis of supplementary statement of the complainant. Out of total six accused, remaining five accused are already on bail. It has been contended before this Court that the supplementary statement is without any credible evidence against the petitioner. The custody certificate would show that the petitioner has suffered incarceration of 01 year 01 month & 20 days as on 08.03.2026.

It further shows that the petitioner has no criminal antecedents. Out of 13

prosecution witnesses, only one witness has been examined.

6. The veracity of the allegations would be assessed only after the 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 sufficient 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 to the petitioner.

7. 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.

8. Nothing said herein shall be treated as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

09.03.2026

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Whether Speaking/Reasoned :
Whether Reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No

(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)

JUDGE