



CRA-D-1548-2024 (O&M)

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

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**CRA-D-1548-2024 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 17.03.2026**

SHAKEEL AHMAD ALIAS LADDI GUJJAR**... PETITIONER****Versus****STATE OF PUNJAB****... RESPONDENT**

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

Present:- Ms. G.K.Mann,, Senior Advocate, (arguing counsel) with
Mr. Anmol Jeevan Singh Gill, Advocate
for the appellant.

Mr. Salil Sabhlok, Senior DAG, Punjab.

SANJIV BERRY, J.

CRM-44610-2024 in CRA-D-1548-2024

1. Heard on the application for condonation of delay.
2. Keeping in view the facts and circumstances as mentioned in the application, delay of 170 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 the case of '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, is pending consideration for 24.03.2026.

Main case

1. By way of instant appeal, appellant Shakeel Ahmad alias Laddi Gujjar has challenged the order dated 19.04.2024 passed by Ld. Additional



Sessions Judge, SAS Nagar whereby regular bail application in FIR No.0184 dated 21.10.2023, under Sections 120-B, 121, 153 IPC; Sections 25 (7), 25(8), 54, 59 of Arms Act and Sections 17, 18, 18-B, 20 of Unlawful Activity (Prevention Act, 1967 (Sections 21 C, 21/65/85 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance Act added later on), registered at Police Station, Balongi, District SAS Nagar has been dismissed.

2. Heard.

3. After considering the rival contentions and perusing the record, it transpires that the appellant was named in the FIR and was allegedly arrested from spot by the police on 21.10.2023. After completion of investigation challan was presented in Court on 17.03.2024 and the charges were framed on 05.12.2025. The prosecution has cited 27 witnesses out of which only 2 witnesses have been examined-in-chief.

4. As per the case of the prosecution the appellant along with other co-accused had close links with the leaders of banned organisation Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) prohibited by Government of India and currently operating from across the border and in collusion with Inter Services Intelligence (ISI) of Pakistan are engaging in undermining the unity and integrity of country by orchestrating terrorist attacks. The appellant was arrested from the spot and from his possession 2 foreign made pistols i.e. one 9mm pistol with 5 live cartridges and another 3.0 bore with 5 live cartridges were recovered at the spot while on the basis of his disclosure statement another 9 mm pistol with 10 live cartridges and .30 bore pistol with 60 live cartridges were recovered from his house.



5. It is the contention of the learned senior counsel for the appellant that the appellant being innocent is lingering in jail, since long and it will take much time for trial to conclude. Hence she prayed for grant of bail to the appellant.
6. Per Contra learned counsel representing the State has strongly opposed these contentions by arguing that the appellant is involved in heinous criminal activities in collusion with the terrorist outfit operating from across the border as well as Inter Services Intelligence (ISI) of Pakistan designing the terrorist activities in the country, as such, the appellant does not deserve concession of bail.
7. In view of the aforesaid circumstances and also the fact that there are grave allegations against the appellant coupled with recovery of arms and ammunition from him, this Court for the time being declines the bail to the appellant, however with the liberty to revisit the Court after examination of the main witnesses in the trial or if the trial gets unnecessarily delayed.
8. With the aforesaid liberty, the appeal stands dismissed.
9. Pending application(s) if any, stands disposed of.

(SANJIV BERRY)
JUDGE

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

Dated: 17.03.2026
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| i) | Whether speaking/reasoned? | Yes/No |
| ii) | Whether reportable? | Yes/No |