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

CRM-M-52117-2024

Date of Decision: 25.02.2026

Navpreet Singh @ Nav Sandhu

...Petitioner

Vs.

State of Haryana

...Respondent

Coram : Hon'ble Mr. Justice N.S.Shekhawat

Present : Mr. G.P.S Ghuman, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Rajiv Sidhu, Sr.DAG, Haryana.

N.S.Shekhawat J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner has filed the third petition under Section 483 of B.N.S.S with a prayer to grant regular bail to him in a case FIR No. 423, dated 24.11.2018, under Sections 396,302,307 and 120-B of IPC and 25 of Arms Act, registered at Police Station Ambala City, District Ambala (Haryana) (Annexure P-1).

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner was not named in the F.I.R nor any other allegation was initially levelled against him. He was neither present at the place of occurrence nor any other admissible evidence could be collected against him, during the course of trial. He next contends that even the whole occurrence was recorded in the C.C.T.V camera and even he was not seen in the C.C.T.V recording. He further submits that in the present case, the petitioner was arrested on 26.02.2019 and is in custody for

the last about 07 years. However, the trial is still pending before the Trial Court, without any fault on his part. Further, even as per the admitted case of the prosecution, the petitioner was simply shown to be present at the place of occurrence and it has been alleged that Ankit & Sachin, co-accused had fired shots at the victim. Further, the prosecution has already examined the material witnesses namely Bharat Bhushan and Manoj Awasthi. However, both the eye witnesses had not supported the case of the prosecution regarding the identification of the present petitioner. Consequently, the chances of conviction in the present case are very remote and there is no evidence on the file against him.

3. On the other hand, learned State counsel has vehemently opposed the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner on the ground that serious allegations were levelled against the present petitioner. He further contends that 10 more cases were also ordered to be registered against the petitioner in the past and he does not deserve the concession of bail.

4. I have heard the learned counsel for the parties and perused the record carefully in the present case.

5. In the present case, it is an admitted fact that the name of the petitioner was initially not reflected in the F.I.R. Even, the FIR would clearly reflect that there was enmity between the parties and due to the said enmity, the offence was committed by the accused in the present case. Further, three other co-accused namely Simranjit Singh @ Simmy, Gurvinder Singh @ Guri and Vivek Kumar Puri have already been granted the concession of bail by this Court vide orders Annexures P-3 & P-4, respectively. Moreover, the apprehensions expressed by learned State counsel can be addressed by

imposing stringent conditions on the petitioner. Further, he is in custody for the last about 07 years and the prosecution has not been able to conclude trial for the last several years.

6. Without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Chief Judicial Magistrate, concerned subject to the following condition:-

(i) The petitioner shall not enter in the jurisdiction of District Ambala till the conclusion of the prosecution evidence. However, he shall be allowed to attend the Court proceedings on the date of hearing fixed before the Court. He shall not visit any other place except District Court, Ambala and shall leave the jurisdiction of District Ambala immediately after the Court hearing.

(ii) The petitioner shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case, so as to dissuade him to disclose such facts to the Court or to any other authority.

(iii) The petitioner shall not absent himself from the Court proceedings except on the prior permission of the Court concerned.

(iv) The petitioner shall surrender his passport, if any, (if already not surrendered), and in case he is not holder of the same, he shall swear an affidavit to that effect.

(v) The petitioner shall also file his affidavit before the concerned Court, mentioning his ordinary place of residence and number of mobile phone, which shall be used by him during the pendency of the trial. In case of change of place of residence/mobile number, he shall share the details with the concerned Court/learned Trial Court.

- (vi) *In case, the petitioner is involved in any other criminal activity, during the pendency of the trial, it shall be viewed seriously.*
- (vii) *The concerned Court may insist on two heavy local sureties and may also impose any other condition, in accordance with law, while accepting the bails bonds and surety bonds of the petitioner.*

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(N.S.SHEKHAWAT)
JUDGE

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