



**In the High Court for the States of Punjab and Haryana at
Chandigarh**

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CRM-M-62203-2025 (O&M)
Date of Decision:- 11.02.2026

Arshdeep Singh @ Arsh	... Petitioner
Versus	
State of Punjab	... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUBHAS MEHLA

Present:- Mr. Yajur Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Subhash Godara, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

SUBHAS MEHLA, J. (Oral)

1. By way of the present petition, the petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.76 dated 01.05.2025, registered under Sections 61(2), 29 of BNS, 2023 (Section 181 of BNS added later on) and Sections 25, 54, 59 of Arms Act, at Police Station Lopoke, District Amritsar Rural.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contended that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case, as no recovery has been effected from him. He is in custody since 01.05.2025 i.e. for the last more than 09 months. He is not involved in any other criminal case except the present one. It is further submitted that a co-accused, namely Vishal and Karandeep Singh @ UP, have already been granted regular bail by this Court vide common order dated 29.10.2025 passed in CRM-M-49237-2025 and CRM-M-56654-2025. Hence, prayed for concession of bail to the petitioner as trial will take sufficient time to conclude.



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3. Learned State counsel opposed the prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioner by submitting that as per order dated 10.07.2025 passed by learned Additional Sessions Judge, Amritsar, recovery of fake currency notes amounting to Rs.20,000/- has been made from the present petitioner. Investigation qua the present petitioner has already been completed. As per custody certificate filed by learned State counsel, the petitioner has been behind bars for the last about 09 months and 07 days.

4. Heard.

5. Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the case, petitioner has been in custody for the last about 09 months and 07 days; investigation qua him has already been completed; co-accused, namely Vishal and Karandeep Singh @ UP, have already been granted regular bail by this Court vide common order dated 29.10.2025; the trial is likely to take considerable time to conclude, and no fruitful purpose would be served by keeping him in custody for any further period, as concession of bail cannot be denied just as a measure of punishment and it is a trite principle of criminal jurisprudence that bail is rule, jail is an exception, this Court deems it a fit case to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioner.

6. Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Chief Judicial Magistrate concerned.

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(SUBHAS MEHLA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking /reasoned	Yes / No
Whether Reportable	Yes / No