

104 CRM-M-16961-2025

LOVEPREET SINGH ALIAS LOVE V/S STATE OF PUNJAB

Present: None.

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1. Endorsing the decision of the Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana, and as a mark of respect and to mourn the sudden demise of Shri Bhupinder Singh Rathore, who was one of the oldest member of the Bar Council, the members of the Punjab and Haryana High Court Bar Association are observing “No Work Day” today, i.e. 23.04.2025.

However, Inspector Satpal Singh, is present in-person before this Court on behalf of the State of Punjab.

2. In the second time filed anticipatory bail petition, on 27.03.2025, following order was passed:-

“1. Present petition has been filed by the petitioner, seeking grant of anticipatory bail in case bearing FIR No.113, dated 29.10.2024, under Section(s) 25 of Arms Act, 1959, registered at Police Station Kathu Nangal, District Amritsar Rural.

2. First anticipatory bail petition filed by the petitioner i.e. CRM-M-4931-2025 was dismissed by this Court on 29.01.2025.

Order dated 29.01.2025 passed in CRM-M-4931-2025, says as under:-

“1. Prayer in this petition, filed under Section 482 of Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita 2024, is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, who has been booked for having committed the offence punishable under Section 25 of the Arms Act, 1959, in case arising out of FIR No.113, dated 29.10.2024, registered at Police Station Kathu Nangal, District Amritsar Rural.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that merely on verification of the ID which was found in the name of the petitioner-Lovepreet Singh @ Love s/o Hardip Singh, present FIR has been registered by the police. However, he submits that factually police has not verified the ID.

3. Upon this, on a query raised by the Court that why no complaint has ever been moved by the petitioner, there is no satisfactory explanation by the counsel.

4. The publicity through the social platform i.e. Instagram, Facebook aimed at giving exposure of oneself in

such like manner as alleged in the FIR definitely affects the society at large. Nobody can think of maintaining of peace in the society with such publications on the social platform.

5. *Otherwise also, on advance notice, Mr. Amandeep Singh, DAG, Punjab, appears and informs that the petitioner is involved in five more cases including Arms Act.*

6. *In view of the aforementioned circumstances, as noticed also, this Court does not find any substantial reason to exercise its extra ordinary power to extend the concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.*

7. *Dismissed.”*

3. *This Court finds that the second time prayer made for grant of anticipatory bail, is not maintainable. Accordingly, present petition stands **dismissed**.*

4. *At this stage, counsel for the petitioner contends that while filing the first anticipatory bail petition, complete documents were not available with the petitioner. However, now, present petition has been filed under changed circumstances by appending the documents received by the petitioner.*

5. *This Court is amazed to see that earlier bail application filed by the petitioner was dismissed on 29.01.2025, by this Court, and till date, no step has been taken by the Investigating Officer to arrest the petitioner and for joining him in the investigation.*

6. *Let an explanation be sought by the Senior Superintendent of Police, Amritsar Rural from the Investigating Officer, as to for what reasons, no steps has been taken by the Investigating Officer to arrest the petitioner for joining him in the investigation, till date. Requisite status report in the shape of affidavit in that regard, be filed by himself/herself, on 23.04.2025.*

7. *To be shown in the urgent list.*

8. *With the reasons stated here above, present petition stands dismissed.”*

3. In compliance to the direction issued by Senior Superintendent of Police, Amritsar Rural, status report in the shape of affidavit dated 22.04.2025, is being filed by Inspector Satpal Singh, in Court today. Same is taken on record. Registry is directed to tag the same at the appropriate place on the file.

Paragraph Nos.2, 3 and 4 of the status report are reproduced here under:-

“2. That it is humbly submitted that the on the receipt of the copy of the aforesaid order in his office, the deponent has sought an explanation from the

Station House Officer, Police Station Kathunangal, Amritsar (Rural) through his supervisory officer i.e., Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub-division Majitha, Amritsar (Rural), with respect to the failure of the investigating officer to arrest the petitioner in the case FIR No. 113 dated 29.10.2024 under section 25 Arms Act registered at Police station Kathunangal, Amritsar-Rural, who has reported in his explanation that investigating officer of the case ASI Bikarmjit Singh No. 615/ASR-R had made repeated efforts to arrest the petitioner by conducting raids at his house and other hideouts on 29.10.2024, 15.11.2024, 30.11.2024, 20.12.2024, 10.01.2025, 17.01.2025, 13.02.2025, 09.03.2025, 30.03.2025 and 12.04.2025 during the course of investigation but could not succeed to arrest him. It is also reported that the investigating officer had activated his secret sources for providing information about the movement of the petitioner in area and a request to obtain the call details record and locations of his mobile phone No. 80000-08672 from 25.10.2024 onwards was also sent to the concerned telecom operator through the proper channel on 01.04.2025.

3. That it is further reported by the Station House Officer, Police Station Kathunangal, Amritsar (Rural) that the petitioner has been arrested by the investigating officer on 17.04.2025 on the basis of secret information and produced him before the court of learned Judicial Magistrate First Class, Amritsar, who has been sent to judicial custody on 19.04.2025.

4. That the deponent has issued strict instructions to the Supervisory officer i.e., Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub-division Majitha, Amritsar (Rural), and the Station House Officer, Police station

Kathunanagal, Amritsar (Rural) to take immediate actions in all the cases of pending investigations to arrest the absconding accused persons by personally supervising the efforts made to arrest him and also to take appropriate action against the investigating officers, who shows carelessness, or negligence in taking proper steps for arresting the accused persons in time.”

4. In view of the explanation given in the status report and the fact that the petitioner has now been arrested on 17.04.2025, no further order is required to be passed.

23.04.2025
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(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE