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

**CRM-M No.39950 of 2024
Date of Decision: 26.03.2025**

Gurpreet Singh @ Guri**.....Petitioner**

Versus

State of Punjab**..... Respondent****CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ**

Present: Mr. Akshay Chadha, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. J.S. Arora, D.A.G., Punjab.

RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

1. Present petition has been filed by the petitioner seeking regular bail in case FIR No.85 dated 22.09.2023, under Sections 307, 341, 148 and 149 of IPC and Section 25 of Arms Act, registered at Police Station Sadar Jodhan, District Ludhiana Rural.

2. Succinctly, the facts of the case are that the FIR of this case has been registered on the statement of complainant-Balwinder Singh to the effect that he has two sons. His younger son, Inderjit Singh is of about 29 years of age and is doing truck repair work and reaches home daily at about 9:00 PM. On September 22, 2023, when his son, Inderjit Singh, was coming back home in his white-colored Baleno car, bearing registration no. PB10GS6374, two motorcyclists started following him and fired three to four gunshots. Out of the said shots, one shot hit at the back of his son, Inderjit Singh. He was taken to DMC Hospital, Ludhiana, in the said car in injured condition. He identified the said persons as they are from their



own village, namely Gurpreet Singh @ Guri; Simran Singh @ Rangar S/o Gурpal Singh; Jagjit Singh @ Jita S/o Balwinder Singh; Narinder Singh @ Harry S/o Davinder Singh and Jagdeep Singh S/o Daljit Singh, who in order to kill his son fired shot on his son with bullets. Request was made to take legal action against the culprits. On registration of FIR, the investigation commenced and the petitioner was arrested on 22.09.2023. The petitioner approached the Learned Additional Sessions Judge, Ludhiana praying for grant of bail, however, finding no merit, the same was declined after hearing both the sides by Learned Additional Sessions Judge, Ludhiana vide order dated 20.07.2024. Aggrieved by the same, the petitioner approached this Court praying for grant of bail by way of present petition.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner, at the outset, prays for the grant of bail on the basis of parity with that of the co-accused. He has drawn the attention of this Court to the orders passed by the Coordinate Bench of this Court in **CRM-M-26497-2024** and **CRM-M-35881-2024** dated 15.07.2024 and 13.08.2024, respectively, whereby co-accused of the petitioner, namely, Jagdeep Singh, Narinder Singh @ Harry and Jagjit Singh, have been granted the concession of bail. He has submitted that case of the petitioner is at par with the co-accused, who have been granted bail by this Court. He submits that on the basis of the parity, petitioner deserves to be granted bail as case of the petitioner is similar to that of the co-accused, who have already been granted bail.

4. Learned counsel for the State although has opposed the prayer of the petitioner yet endorsed the fact that the case of petitioner is at par with co-accused, namely, Jagdeep Singh, Narinder Singh @ Harry and Jagjit Singh, who have already been granted bail by this Court. He has



submitted that out of total 25 prosecution witnesses, 14 witnesses have been examined as on date.

5. After hearing learned counsel for the parties and perusing the record, it is apparent that the petitioner is behind bars since 22.09.2023. Admittedly, co-accused of the petitioner, namely, Jagdeep Singh, Narinder Singh @ Harry and Jagjit Singh, have already been granted bail by the Court vide order dated 15.07.2024 and order dated 13.08.2024 passed in **CRM-M-26497-2024 and CRM-M-35881-2024.**

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.

7. This Court would refrain itself from commenting anything on the merits of the case. Keeping in view the arguments raised by both the sides and perusing the record, the Court is of the opinion that learned counsel for the petitioner succeed in making out a case for the grant of bail to the petitioner on the basis of parity with the co-accused as stated above. Accordingly, present petition is allowed and petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court/Duty Magistrate. Nothing said herein shall be treated as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

26.03.2025

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(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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