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

**CRM-M-59405-2024 (O&M)**

**Date of decision : 21.1.2025**

Manjeet Singh alias Khaki alias Ghukki

... Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab

... Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KARAMJIT SINGH**

Present: Mr. Vedant Setia, Advocate,  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Inderjeet Singh Ladher, DAG, Punjab

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**KARAMJIT SINGH, J. (Oral)**

Prayer in the present petition is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case having FIR No.205 dated 25.8.2022 registered under Sections 18(b) of NDPS Act and Section 25 of Arms Act (Section 29 NDPS Act added later on) at Police Station Lambi, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

2. The allegations in nutshell are that co-accused/Ramandeep Singh was found in possession of 5.5 kg opium, one countrymade pistol of .32 bore with 6 loaded live cartridges and 50 live cartridges and drug money worth ₹ 52,500/- on 25.8.2022. On the basis of the disclosure statement suffered by aforesaid Ramandeep Singh, present petitioner was nominated as accused which resulted into his arrest. During investigation, no incriminating article or contraband was recovered at the instance of the present petitioner.



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3. Counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner, *inter alia*, submits that FIR in this case was registered against co-accused/Ramandeep Singh and the present petitioner was nominated as accused on the basis of the disclosure statement suffered by said Ramandeep Singh; that, however, any such disclosure statement suffered by co-accused against the petitioner is inadmissible in evidence without further corroboration. It is further submitted that during investigation, no incriminating article or contraband was recovered from the present petitioner who is incarcerated for the last more than 4 months and that trial being at its initial stage is not going to be concluded in the near future. Further similarly situated co-accused Gursewak Singh @ Sewak Singh, Rajinder Singh, Ankit Kumar and Jasmeet Singh @ Meet @ Jagmeet Singh @ Jagga are already given benefit of regular bail by this Court vide Annexures P-4 to P-7.

4. Present petition is resisted by the State counsel who on instructions from SI Gurmit Singh, submits that the petitioner is nominated as accused on the basis of the disclosure statement suffered by co-accused/Ramandeep Singh from whom, the police recovered 5.5 kg of opium, one countrymade pistol with 6 loaded live cartridges and 50 live cartridges and drug money amounting to ₹ 52,500/-. It is further submitted that during investigation, the petitioner was arrested but no incriminating article or contraband was recovered from his possession and further, on completion of investigation, police has presented challan and the trial is going on and another 24 witnesses on behalf of the prosecution remain to be examined.



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5. I have considered the submissions made by the counsel for the parties.

6. No doubt, present case is relating to recovery of 5.5 kg of opium, arms, ammunition and drug money which was effected from co-accused Ramandeep Singh. Subsequently, the petitioner was nominated as accused on the basis of the disclosure statement suffered by said Ramandeep Singh and the petitioner was arrested and is behind bars for the last more than 4 months and 7 days. Veracity and relevance of the disclosure statement suffered by co-accused against the present petitioner is subject matter of trial. During investigation, nothing incriminating was recovered from possession of the petitioner. Admittedly, it will take time for the trial to conclude and further, similarly situated co-accused are given concession of bail vide orders Annexures P-4 to P-7. No purpose is going to be served by keeping the petitioner in custody for any further period.

7. In view of the above, without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned.

**( KARAMJIT SINGH )**  
**JUDGE**

January 21, 2025  
Paritosh Kumar

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