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

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Date of decision: 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2025

Gurmeet Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA**

Present: Mr. S.S. Gill, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Sakshi Bakshi, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab.

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**MANISHA BATRA, J (ORAL):-**

The petitioner is seeking benefit of regular bail in case arising out of FIR No. 102 dated 05.07.2021 registered under Sections 379, 411, 467, 468, 471, 472, 473 of IPC at Police Station Gidderbaha, District Shri Muktsar Sahib. Two previous bail petitions bearing CRM-M-31595-2024 and CRM-M-47803-2024 had been dismissed as withdrawn vide orders dated 10.07.2024 and 19.10.2024, respectively.

2. The petitioner had been extended benefit of bail in the aforementioned FIR, vide order dated 06.09.2021. He absented himself on 25.01.2022. His bail was cancelled and bonds were forfeited to the State. Proceedings under Section 82 of Cr.P.C. were initiated against him and he was declared a proclaimed offender vide order dated 29.10.2022. He was arrested again and is in custody since 10.02.2024. An application for grant of regular bail as moved by him, has been dismissed by the learned trial Court



vide order dated 06.04.2024.

3. It is argued by learned counsel for the petitioner that since he has already undergone a period of more than one year in custody and is ready to abide by the terms and conditions for grant of bail, therefore, it is urged that he deserves to be released on bail.

4. Custody certificate has been filed by respondent-State. It is argued by learned Assistant Advocate General, Punjab that there are specific and serious allegations against him. There are chances of petitioner's absconding again. Even in the past, he had been declared proclaimed person. There is no substantive and specious change in the circumstances from the date of withdrawal of the previous petitions. Mere extended period of incarceration is not sufficient to extend benefit of bail to him. Therefore, it is argued that the petition does not deserve to be allowed.

5. Learned counsel for the parties have been at considerable length.

6. The petitioner is in custody since long. No doubt, he had been declared a proclaimed person, however, he cannot be denied benefit of bail due to that reason. Keeping in view the period of his incarceration and the attendant facts and circumstances of the case but without meaning to make any comment on the merits thereof, this Court is of the considered opinion that the petition deserves to be allowed. Hence, the same is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail, subject to his furnishing personal bonds and surety bonds by two sureties to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate concerned. He shall appear before the concerned Police Station once on the first Monday of every



month during trial. He will disclose his present as well as permanent address before the learned trial Court at the time of furnishing of bonds and shall also give copy of his Aadhar Card, PAN Card if any and details of his mobile phone number(s) to the learned trial Court and in case, any change in his address or mobile phone number(s) takes place, then he shall inform about the same to the learned trial Court in advance.

7. In case of violation of any of the above conditions, the jurisdictional Court shall be empowered to consider the application for cancellation, if any, and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law.

8. Since the main petition has been allowed, pending application, if any, is rendered infructuous.

**[MANISHA BATRA]**  
**JUDGE**

**25<sup>th</sup> February, 2025**

*Parveen Sharma*

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| 1. <i>Whether speaking/ reasoned</i> | : | <i>Yes / No</i> |
| 2. <i>Whether reportable</i>         | : | <i>Yes / No</i> |