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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH  
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Date of decision: 06.08.2025

Kulwinder Singh @ Sonu

..... Petitioner

V/s

State of Punjab

...Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASJIT SINGH BEDI**

Present: Mr. Kanwaljeet Singh, Advocate,  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Harkanwar Jeet Singh, AAG, Punjab.

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**JASJIT SINGH BEDI, J. (Oral)**

The Prayer in this fourth petition under Section 439 Cr.PC is for the grant of regular bail in case FIR No.29 dated 01.03.2022 under Sections 379-B, 34 IPC, Section 25 of the Arms Act, (Section 392, 473, 412 IPC added later on) registered at Police Station Shambhu, District Patiala.

2. The brief facts of the case are that on 01.03.2022 while the police party was on patrolling duty, Ajaib Singh (complainant) along with his friend Ramanpreet Singh and Amrinder Singh met the police party and got recorded his statement wherein he stated that he was working as a Deputy Manager/Cashier at ICICI Bank, Rajpura branch. On 28.02.2022 at around 7.30 pm after closing the bank he was going along with his colleague Mahima in his car make Verna. At about 8/8.30 pm when he (complainant)

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had halted his car near the railway line a white Swift Car came and stopped behind them and two person alighted from it. When he (complainant) rolled down his window pane one of the persons opened the door of the car and dragged him out and also took out the keys of his car. When the complainant tried to scuffle with the unknown person then another person fired a shot from a pistol. In the meantime, Mahima, his friend also alighted from the car. Then two young persons snatched his (complainant's) car and fled towards Rajpura side. Their third accomplice who was driving the Swift car also went behind them.

Based on the said information the instant FIR was registered. During the course of investigation the statement of the complainant was recorded who stated that he had come to know that Manvinder Singh @ Chamkaur, Pawandeep Singh @ Pawan Garcha (bail application dismissed vide order dated 08.08.2024) and Ranjodh Singh @ Jyoti were the persons who had snatched his car. Upon the abovesaid statement, three persons were nominated in the present FIR and an offence under Section 392 IPC was added.

On 20.03.2022 the aforementioned persons were arrested. From Pawandeep Singh recovery of one country made pistol 32 bore along with 6 live cartridges was effected. From Ranjodh Singh recovery of one Desi Katta 315 bore along with 2 live cartridges of 315 bore was effected.

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(since granted bail vide order dated 04.07.2024 passed in CRM-M-28229-2024) were nominated in the present case. On the basis of the interrogation of Pawandeep Singh @ Pawan Garcha, Manvinder Singh @ Chamkaur and Ranjodh Singh @ Jyoti, Akashdeep Singh @ Akash were nominated as accused.

During the course of interrogation of Pawandeep Singh @ Pawan Garcha, Kulwinder Singh @ Sonu (petitioner) and Talwinder Singh @ Nikku (bail declined vide order dated 13.04.2023 passed in CRMM-23525-2022) were nominated in the present case.

On 28.03.2022 Talwinder @ Nikku was arrested and suffered his disclosure statement that he had brought 04 pistols of 32 bore along with 19 live 32 bore cartridges from co-accused Kulwinder Singh @ Sonu and the same were kept by him in his Swift car. Based on the said statement the weapons in question came to be recovered.

Thereafter, Kulwinder Singh @ Sonu was arrested and 06 pistols 32 bore along with 13 live cartridges and 08 magazines were recovered from him. Thereafter, one Buta Singh @ Bagga Khan was nominated as accused.

On 31.03.2022 Darshan Singh @ Darsa and Daler Singh Kotia were nominated on the basis of interrogation of Talwinder @ Nikku and co-accused Kulwinder Singh @ Sonu. Pawandeep Singh @ Pawan Garcha

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was confined in Nabha Jail and was arrested on after obtaining his production warrants.

Pursuant to the conclusion of the investigation, the report under Section 173(2) Cr.PC was presented against Talwinder @ Nikku, Manwinder Singh @ Chamkaur, Pawandeep Singh @ Pawan Garcha, Randhodh Singh @ Joti, Kulwinder Singh @ Sonu, Darshan Singh @ Darsa, Akashdeep Singh @ Akash and Raghwinder Singh @ Ricki on 28.09.2022.

3. The Counsel for the petitioner contends that petitioner was nominated as an accused on the basis of the statement of the complainant which amounted to hearsay evidence. The recovery of the weapons have been foisted upon him. Though the petitioner was an accused in a number of cases he stood acquitted in some of them and, therefore, as he was in custody since 28.03.2022 he was entitled to the grant of bail, moreso when his co-accused Raghwinder Singh @ Ricky has been granted bail.

4. The Counsel for the State on the other hand contends that the petitioner is part of a gang as has been found during the course of investigation. He was duly named by the complainant. Weapons have been recovered from him. He was an accused in multiple cases. Therefore, the nature of the allegations levelled against the petitioner and his criminal antecedents do not entitle him to the grant of bail. Even otherwise, this is the fourth bail application of the petitioner without any change in circumstances,

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the last one having been argued and withdrawn on 05.08.2024 and all the prosecution witnesses stand examined.

5. I have heard the counsel for the parties.

6. A perusal of the record would reveal that the petitioner is a part of big gang which is involved in the commission of a number of heinous offences. Multiple weapons have been recovered from the petitioner and his co-accused. He is an accused in 21 other cases. All the prosecution witnesses stand examined. Therefore, the Trial is at its fag end and is likely to be concluded soon.

7. In view of the above, I find no merit in the present petition and the same stands dismissed.

8. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of accordingly.

**August 06, 2025**  
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**( JASJIT SINGH BEDI)**  
**JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No