

BA/1198/2025 State vs. Jaspreet Singh Ghuman

Present:- Sh. Krishan Jaspal, APP assisted by Sh. Mannan Mehta, Inspector Wildlife, UT Chandigarh.
 Sh. Sunil K. Dixit, Advocate for accused-applicant.

ORDER:

Vide this order, this Court shall dispose of the bail application filed on behalf of applicant/accused Sh. Jaspreet Singh Ghuman.

2. It is argued by the learned counsel for applicant/accused that the accused is in judicial custody since 22.10.2025 and the trial of the case will take long time. He further argued that accused is innocent and is falsely implicated in present case. He further argued that the report from the laboratory confirming the meat is yet to be received. It was further argued that the accused is an NRI who came back to India just 14 days back and the house was being used by students and PG, hence, the alleged recovery does not belong to him. The counsel further averred that nothing is to be recovered from him and as such, his custody is no longer required for any purpose, whatsoever. Therefore, the counsel for accused prayed that accused may kindly be released on bail.

3. Per-contra, learned APP for State has opposed the bail application on the ground that the allegations levelled against the accused are of serious nature as it involves suspected possession of wild animal meat (suspected schedule-II species - wild pig under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and other wildlife animals) and other incriminating items including hunting weapons. He further submitted that in case, accused is released on bail, then he will abscond or tamper with the evidence. Lastly, he prayed for dismissal of the bail application, being devoid of any merit.

4. Today, a compliance report of interrogation of accused Sh. Jaspreet Singh Ghuman in pursuance of order dated 29.10.2025 has also been filed by the IO, duly forwarded by the learned APP for the State.

5. This court bestowed thoughtful consideration to the rival contentions of learned counsel for accused and learned APP for State as well as material placed on record.

6. The brief facts of the case are such that the above mentioned

case has been registered vide WLOR no. 004 dated 22.10.2025 under Section 9, 39, 40, 48-A, 49-B, 50, 51 and 57 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 against the accused Jaspreet Singh Ghuman. During the course of the investigation, accused was found in the illegal possession of wild animal meat (suspected schedule-II species-wild pig under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and other wildlife animals) and hunting weapons. The samples of the meat have been sent for DNA/Species Identification and forensic analysis to Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehradun. The report of the said examination is yet to be received.

7. In view of the foregoing, perusal of the file reveals that the allegation qua accused pertains to offence punishable under Section 9, 39, 40, 48-A, 49-B, 50, 51 and 57 of the Wildlife (protection) Act, 1972 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and that the accused is in custody since 22.10.2025; nothing is to be recovered from him and conclusion of the trial is likely to take sufficiently long time. The report of the samples of the meat sent for DNA/Species Identification is yet to be received. Further, as per the compliance report, the interrogation of the accused person is already completed. Keeping in view the principle of bail is rule and jail is the exception as reiterated in **Satender Kumar Antil Vs. CBI & anr (2021) 10 SCC 773** and without commenting on the merits of the case, this court is of the considered view that the detention of the applicant-accused further in custody is not warranted. **Therefore, accused Jaspreet Singh Ghuman is ordered to be admitted to bail, subject to his furnishing bail bonds in the sum of Rs.50,000/- with one surety in the like amount.** Requisite bail bonds furnished which are accepted and attested. **Release warrant be issued forthwith.** Accordingly, the present bail application stands disposed off.

Date of Order: 31.10.2025
*Sameer, Stenographer III**

(Bhawna Gera)
Judicial Magistrate Ist Class,
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File put up before me being Duty Magistrate.

Today the case was fixed for consideration on the bail application. Arguments heard. Vide my detailed separate order of even date, the bail application of accused Jaspreet Singh Ghuman stands disposed off being allowed. Papers be tagged with the main file.

File be sent back to the concerned court immediately.

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