



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-31459-2026

Date of Decision: 02.07.2026

Taranjit @ Kaalu

...Petitioner

V/s

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKRAM AGGARWAL

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

Mr. Rahul Jindal, AAG, Punjab

VIKRAM AGGARWAL, J (ORAL)

1. Prayer in the present petition preferred under Section 483 of the BNSS, 2023 is for the grant of regular bail to the petitioner in FIR No.79 dated 03.06.2024 under Sections 307, 326, 323, 506, 34 IPC (Sections 109, 119, 115, 351, 3(5) of BNS, 2023) registered at Police Station Shahkot, District Jalandhar (Rural).

2. On a statement given by Lovepreet Singh, the present FIR was registered, the contents of which are as under:-

“Statement of Lovepreet Singh son of Malkit Ram resident of Parjain Khurd PS Shahkot aged about 26 years Mobb. No. 90566 98827 stated that I am the resident of the above said address and working at Saloon. On 24.05.2024 at about 10.00 PM in the night I long with my friend Jatinder Singh @ Gora son of harbhajan Singh, Gurpreet Singh @ Gopi son of Kulwant @ Babbu, sarbjit singh @ Sabi son of malkit and Mani Lal son of Mangat Ram resident of Parjain Khurd PS Shahkot were having water bolls at Adda parjain. In the meantime Satwarg @ Saggu son of Balwinder, Vishal son of Gurdev @ Debu resident of Akbarpur kalan PS Shahkot and Taranjit @ kaalu son of Kuldeep @ kaka, Jasvir Singh @ Jassa son of Tirath Ram @ Majju resident of Udhawal PS Mehtapur and alongwith 3-4 unknown persons, who were carrying Datar, Khanda in their hands. Then Jasvir Singh @ Jassa raised Lalkara that he is Lovepreet and his friends. Who used to stop us from rowdiness. In the meantime Satwarg @ Saggu above said gave his datar blow on my head

with an intention to kill, which hits on the right side of my head and i fell down. Then Vishal gave his Datar blow in me while I was lying down, which hit my nose. Then Taranjit @ Kaalu gave his Datar blow from the reverse side which hit my left shoulder. Then they gave beatings to my friend Jatinder Singh @ gora. I raised the alarm of Maar ditta- Maar ditta on seeing the gathering of people the above said accused persons ran away on their car and motorcycles, from the spot along with their respective weapons while threatening. My Uncle's son Jaspal Singh son of Balkar Singh resident of Parjian Khurd got admitted me to the New Care Hospital Jalandhar. Where I was under treatment. Legal action be taken against the accused persons. The statement is recorded and it is correct. SDS/- Lovepreet Singh attested bu Buta Singh ASO IC/PP Talwandi Sanghera PS Shahkot. dated 03.06.2024.”

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated. He further states that the petitioner is in custody since 04.06.2024; despite the final report having been submitted and charges have been framed as far back as on 07.11.2024, not even a single witness out of 25 quoted witnesses has been examined. He further submits that under the circumstances, the trial is not likely to be concluded in the near future. Learned counsel further submits that the injury attributed to the petitioner was a simple injury and co-accused Vishal, who was alleged to have given a datar blow on the nose of the complainant has been granted regular bail by a coordinate Bench vide order dated 30.04.2025 passed in CRM-M-21597-2025.

4. *Per contra*, learned counsel representing the State of Punjab has opposed the bail petition. He, however, on the basis of custody certificate filed in Court today states that the petitioner is undergoing incarceration for the last 2 years and 25 days. It has also been pointed out that there are two other cases registered against the petitioner, the details of which have been given in the custody certificate. Out of the two cases, in one, the petitioner is on trial whereas, in the other case, he is on a production warrant.

5. I have considered the submissions made by learned counsel for the parties.
6. It is a matter of grave concern that the petitioner is in custody for the last more than 2 years and despite charges having been framed as far back as in November 2024, not even a single witness has been examined. The right to speedy trial is a valuable right and the delay in conclusion of trial certainly prejudices such right of an accused. Still further, the allegation against the petitioner is of having given a simply injury to the complainant though with a datar. Co-accused Vishal, who was alleged to have given a datar blow on the nose of the complainant, has been released on regular bail by a coordinate Bench vide order dated 30.04.2025 passed in CRM-M-21597-2025. The case of the petitioner is on a better footing than that of the said Vishal.
7. Keeping in view the totality of the facts and circumstances, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate.

(VIKRAM AGGARWAL)
JUDGE

July 02, 2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No