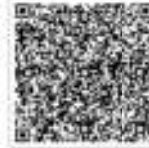


IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CNR No: PHHC011025862026

2026:PHHC:120418



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CRM-M-34501 of 2026 (O&M)

Date of Decision:27.08.2026

Sukhjeet Singh

..Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

..Respondent

Sr. No.	Particular	
1.	The date when the judgment is reserved	25.08.2026
2.	The date when the judgment is pronounced	27.08.2026
3.	The date when the judgment is uploaded on the website	27.08.2026
4.	Whether only operative part of the judgment is pronounced or full judgment is pronounced	Full
5.	The delay, if any, of the pronouncement of full judgment and reasons thereof	Not applicable.

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL

Present: Mr. Brijender Kaushik, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Kanica Sachdeva, DAG Haryana.

SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL, J.

1. Petitioner seeks regular bail in case vide FIR No.25 dated 16.03.2026 under Sections 309(4) read with Section 3(5) of BNS, Police Station Naggal, District Ambala. This is the first petition for regular bail.

2. It is alleged that on 16.03.2026 at about 12:30 p.m. when complainant Rani wife of Suresh was collecting wood near *phirmi*, two young boys arrived on a black motorcyle, wearing black clothes and caps.

The boy sitting on rear seat alighted and threatened the complainant with a knife like object to hand over her gold ear rings. Complainant was fearful

and he forcibly snatched both her gold ear rings and fled towards Maghar Sahib, Punjab.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner was innocent and had been falsely involved. Notice under Section 35(3) BNSS was issued to him directing him to appear. The same day, petitioner was arrested from SD College, Ambala Cantt. There was nothing on record how and in what manner, petitioner was found involved. Investigation was complete and challan was presented. Therefore, petitioner be enlarged on regular bail.

4. Learned State counsel opposes the prayer for regular bail submitting that during investigation of the case Mohit Singh, Branch Head, Muthoot Finance Ambala City, presented a pair of gold earrings, documents related to gold loan taken on the gold ear rings and footage of the incident in a pen drive. Petitioner and co-accused were identified by the complainant during investigation. Petitioner deposited the earrings snatched from the complainant in Muthoot Finance Company, in order to obtain loan and there was sufficient evidence indicating his complicity, therefore, petitioner did not deserve the concession of regular bail.

5. Petitioner is in custody in the case for the last about 5 months. In view of the ratio of law laid down by Hon'ble Supreme Court in *Prabhakar Tiwari Vs. State of U.P. and another 2020(1) RCR (Criminal) 831* and *Mulana Mohd. Amir Rashadi Vs. State of Uttar Pradesh and others (2012) 2 SCC 382*, involvement of petitioner in other criminal cases cannot be the sole ground to deny them the concession of bail. No useful purpose will be served by detaining the petitioner behind bars. Investigation of the

case is complete. Petitioner has a fixed abode and there is no reason to suspect that he would evade the process of law or flee from justice.

6. The often invoked phrase '**Bail is the rule and jail is the exception**' is not merely an empty statutory slogan flowing from the Cr.P.C. It is a constitutional principle flowing from Articles 21 and 22 of the Constitution and the presumption of innocent which is the cornerstone of any civilised society governed by the rule of law. (Vide *Syed Iftikhar Andrabi Vs. National Investigation agency 2026 SCC online SC 881*).

7. In the facts and circumstances of the case, but without commenting on merits, petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail subject to his furnishing adequate bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

All the pending miscellaneous applications, if any, stand disposed of.

(SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL)
JUDGE

27.08.2026

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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes
Whether reportable	:	No