

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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2025:PHHC:152105



Date of decision: 04.11.2025.

(1)

CRM-M-15684-2025 (O&M)

HARPREET SINGH AND ANOTHER

...Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent(s)

(2)

CRM-M-21095-2025 (O&M)

RAHUL AND OTHERS

...Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent(s)

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present :- Mr. Balram Singh, Advocate,
for the petitioners in both the petitions.

Mr. Mohit Kapoor, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

Both the above-mentioned petitions seeking grant of regular bail are being decided by a common order since they arise out of the same FIR.

2 The present petitions have been filed under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, for grant of regular bail to the petitioners in case bearing FIR No.01 dated 11.01.2025, under Section(s) 309(6) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, registered at Police Station Rawalpindi, District Kapurthala.

3 Succinctly, the FIR in the present case has been registered at the instance of complainant Manpreet Singh who stated that on 10.01.2025, he was returning to his residence at Village Jagniwal from GNA Factory along with Mandeep Singh, Arshpreet Singh, Kamalpreet Singh, Dilpreet Singh and Karan Kumar. At about 1:30 A.M. upon reaching near Saifan bridge Panchhta, they were surrounded by 7/8 persons having baseball bats who stopped them and gave them beatings. The said persons also robbed one phone of make Redmi 11 S and Rs.9,500/- from the complainant, one I-phone-11 and Rs.16,500/- from Mandeep Singh, Rs.15,500/- from Dilpreet Singh, Rs.10,850/- from Karan Kumar, Rs.15,000/- from Arshpreet Singh and Rs.15,000/- from Kamalpreet Singh. Initially, the present FIR was registered against unknown persons, however, during investigation, accused were nominated in the present case.

4 Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that the present dispute is borne out of an extempore dispute inter se between the

complainant and the petitioners and is not a case of robbery. He submits that the petitioners are in custody since 23.01.2025 and have already undergone an actual custody for a period of nearly 10 months. He further submits that the parties do not suffer from any criminal antecedents and that the parties have already entered into a settlement on 08.07.2025. Moreover, investigation in the case is already complete and challan has also been presented, however, no witness has been examined so far.

5 On the other hand, State counsel contends refers to the Status report dated 16.09.2025 that had been filed by way of affidavit of Bharat Bhushan, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub Division, Phagwara filed on behalf of the respondent-State and reiterates the allegations as set out in the FIR. He submits that recovery of the stolen mobile phones has been effected from the petitioners but the money is yet to be recovered. He, however, does not dispute that the petitioners are in custody since 23.01.2025 and that they are not involved in any other case.

6 Having heard the learned counsel for the parties and taking into consideration the facts noticed above i.e. the custody period undergone by the petitioners; absence of any criminal antecedents; lack of involvement in any other criminal case; the fact that investigation in the case is complete and the trial is yet to commence and bearing in mind the resolution of the dispute between the parties, both the petitions are allowed. The petitioners are ordered to be released on regular bail on their furnishing requisite bail bond/surety bond to the satisfaction of the Trial Court/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

7 It is made clear that the petitioners shall not extend any threat

and shall not influence any prosecution witnesses in any manner directly or indirectly.

8 The observation made hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression on the merits of the case and the trial Court shall decide the case on the basis of available material.

9 A photocopy of the order be placed on the connected file(s).

November 04, 2025.	(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
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<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	: <i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	: <i>Yes/No</i>