



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH
264 CRM-M-20475-2025
Date of decision: 28th May, 2025

Ravi Masih @ Ravi

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present: Mr. Bhavesh Aggarwal, Advocate for the petitioner.
Ms. Sakshi Bakshi, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab.

MANISHA BATRA, J (ORAL):-

The present petition has been filed under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') by the petitioner seeking grant of regular bail in case bearing FIR No. 136 dated 23.10.2024 registered under Sections 109, 111, 308(4) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNS') and Section 25 of Arms Act (Section 115(2) and 112 of BNS added later on) at Police Station Dera Baba Nanak, Police District Batala, District Gurdaspur.

2. Brief facts of the case relevant for the purpose of disposal of this petition are that the aforementioned FIR was registered on the basis of statement got recorded by the complainant Randeep Singh, alleging therein that on 23.10.2024, he along with his assistant Akash was present in his medical store, when one youth reached there and gave him a signal to come outside and when the complainant reached near him, he took out a pistol and fired a shot towards the complainant thereby injuring his left thigh. The complainant raised clamour and on hearing the same, his brother rushed for his rescue and then the assailants fled away. After registration of FIR,



investigation proceedings were initiated. During investigation, a secret information was received that the accused Anmoldeep Singh was the person who had made an attempt to murder the victim and after the occurrence, co-accused Manjit Kaur, who is mother of the above said accused along with her husband had provided shelter and motor bike to the accused and they were fully aware about the incident. Offence under Section 111(5) of BNS was added. During the investigation, the present petitioner was nominated as an accused, on the disclosure statement of co-accused Amritpal Singh @ Ambi, on the allegation that he accompanied co-accused Jobanpreet Singh to reach at the spot and provided logistic support to him. He was arrested on 13.01.2025. Investigation now stands concluded.

3. It is argued by learned counsel for the petitioner that he has been falsely implicated in this case on the allegations the disclosure statement suffered by the co-accused, cannot be considered to be admissible against him. He is in custody since 13.01.2025. Trial is likely to take time. No direct incriminating evidence has come on record to connect the petitioner with the crime. Co-accused Kamaljeet Singh @ Kamal, Baljit Singh, Balbir Singh, Manjit Kaur and Navtej Singh, whose case was on similar footing, have been extended benefit of bail. On parity, he too deserves to be released on bail. Therefore, it is urged that the petition deserves to be allowed.

4. Status report as well as custody certificate have been filed. Learned Assistant Advocate General, Punjab, has submitted that there are serious allegations against the petitioner, who, being a member of an organized gang, provided logistic support to the main accused Jobanpreet Singh. There are chances of petitioner's intimidating the witnesses or



absconding, if extended benefit of bail. Therefore, it is urged that he does not deserve to be released on bail.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties at considerable length and have gone through the record carefully.

6. The petitioner is alleged to be a member of an organized crime syndicate for committing offences of extortion. As per the allegations, he allegedly provided logistical support to Jobanpreet Singh. He is in custody since 13.01.2025. Trial is likely to take time. No useful purpose would be served by keeping him in custody anymore. Co-accused, against whom similar allegations have been levelled, have already been granted concession of bail by this Court. Keeping in view the nature of allegations as levelled against the petitioner, the period of his incarceration, the fact that he does not have any criminal antecedents coupled with the circumstance that the trial would take time as well as the fact that co-accused have been granted bail, I am of the considered opinion that he deserves to be released on bail. Accordingly, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail subject to his furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate concerned.

7. It is, however, clarified that the observations made hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

8. Since the main petition has been allowed, pending application, if any, is rendered infructuous.

[MANISHA BATRA]
JUDGE

28th May, 2025

Parveen Sharma

1. Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes / No
2. Whether reportable	:	Yes / No