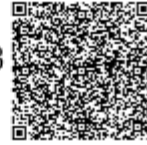


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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

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CRM-M-21712-2025
Date of decision: 30.10.2025

RANJIT SINGH AND ANOTHERPetitioners

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJABRespondent

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

Present: - Mr. P.K.S. Phoolka, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Mohit Kapoor, Senior DAG, Punjab.

None for the complainant.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

1. The instant petition has been filed under Section 483 of The Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, for the grant of regular bail in case bearing FIR No. 0159 dated 16.10.2024, registered under Section(s) 103, 109, 3(5), 61(2) of the BNS, 2023 and Section 25, 54, 59 of the Arms Act, 1959 at Police Station Talwandi Sabo, District Bathinda.

2. The case of the prosecution as mentioned in the order of the trial Court reads thus:-

“Summary of the case of the prosecution is that the present case has been registered on the basis of statement of

Sukhjiwan Singh to the effect that Jagtar Singh fired a gunshot towards his wife Sukhvir Kaur, the pellets of which hit on his backside and Jagtar Singh gave another gunshot fire towards the sister of the complainant namely Manjit Kaur and towards the complainant, the pellets of which hit towards them. Thereafter, accused persons ran away from the spot. Thereafter, all the injured were removed to Civil Hospital, Talwandi Sabo, where Sukhvir Kaur was declared dead.

3. Learned Counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner contends that no role of any nature whatsoever has been attributed to the petitioners and the deceased Sukhveer Kaur died as a result of gun fire shot which was attributed to Jagtar Singh i.e. the main accused. The petitioners are the brother-in-law and sister of the main accused-Jagtar Singh. He submits that the petitioners have been in custody since 17.10.2024 and have already undergone an actual custody of more than 01 year. He submits that the petitioners are not involved in any other criminal case and that only 05 out of 25 witnesses has been examined so far.

4. Counsel for the respondent-State submits that the petitioners were arraigned as an accused in the present FIR as they had allegedly instigated the co-accused Jagtar Singh to commit murder of the deceased Sukhvir Kaur and the other injured persons namely the complainant and Manjit Kaur. He, however, does not dispute that during the police investigation, no specific role has been attributed to the petitioners and that Sukhveer Kaur had died as a result of a single gun fire shot which has been attributed to the co-accused Jagtar Singh.

5. I have heard learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respective parties.

6. In view of the facts noticed above and taking into consideration the period of custody of the petitioners, lack of any specific overt act or omission, the stage of trial as also absence of any criminal antecedents of the petitioners, I deem it appropriate to enlarge the petitioners on regular bail to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

7. The instant petition is allowed and 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

OCTOBER 30, 2025

Vishal Sharma

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether Reportable : Yes/No