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

**CRM M-20984 of 2025 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 20.08.2025**

Keshav

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE N.S.SHEKHAWAT

Present : Mr. Gurcharan Dass, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. I.P.S. Sabharwal, DAG, Punjab.

N.S.SHEKHAWAT, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner has filed the instant petition under Section 483 of B.N.S.S., 2023 with a prayer to grant regular bail in case FIR No.35 dated 07.04.2024 registered under Sections 302, 307, 324, 452, 427, 148, 149 and 120-B IPC at Police Station Dugri, District Ludhiana.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the name of the petitioner does not figure in the FIR nor any role was assigned to him. Even, the petitioner was not present at the place of

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occurrence. However, during the course of investigation, the police is alleged to have recorded a statement of Lal Chand, brother of the complainant on 09th July 2024 and in the said statement, Lal Chand alleged that the petitioner was accompanying the main accused in the present case. He further contends that except the said statement, there is no other legally admissible evidence against the present petitioner. Moreover, the main accused Sagar Newtorn has already died in jail whereas his wife Vanshika Bawa has been granted the concession of bail by this vide order dated 28th July 2025 in CRM M-48458 of 2024. The petitioner was arrested in the present case on 09th July 2024 and is in custody for the last more than 01 year and 01 month.

3. On the other hand, learned State counsel has vehemently opposed the prayer made by the learned counsel for the petitioner on the ground that there are serious allegations against the petitioner and the petitioner is not entitled for the concession of regular bail.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the record.

6. In the present case, the petitioner is stated to be in custody for the last more than 01 year and 01 month, however, no witness has been examined so far. Moreover, the co-accused, namely, Vanshika Bawa and Aditya Chauhan have already been granted the concession of bail by this Court vide orders dated 28.07.2025 and 11.02.2025 passed in CRM M-48458-2024 and CRM M-53388-2024, respectively.

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7. In view of the above, without commenting any further on the merits, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/Duty Magistrate/CJM concerned.

20.08.2025
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(N.S.SHEKHAWAT)
JUDGE