



**219 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

**CRM-M-21705-2025
Date of decision: 19.11.2025**

GURPREET SINGH @ LALA

....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR

Present : Mr. G.S. Simble, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Rahul Jindal, AAG, Punjab.

YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR. J.(Oral)

1. This is the second petition under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023 for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.79 dated 08.06.2023, registered under Sections 302, 120-B, 148, 149 of IPC and Sections 25, 27/54/59 of Arms Act at Police Station Ghuman, Police District Batala, District Gurdaspur.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner as well as learned State counsel have been heard and material collected by the police during investigation has been perused.
3. The present case was registered on the basis of statement given to the police by Charanjit Singh son of Harbhajan Singh with the allegations that his father runs a meat shop near bridge canal of village Chaune. On the previous night i.e. on 07.06.2023, they all were sleeping in the house. His father was sleeping in a cot lying inside the door. At about 12.30 AM, he heard the sound of gunshots at



their gate on which he went outside and saw that some unknown persons had fired gunshots at the gate of their house and thereafter, they fled away. One gunshot had hit his father on the left side of his chest and he along with Hardeep Singh and Mandeep Singh took his father to the hospital where he was declared dead and he sought action against the unknown persons. The matter was investigated on 14.06.2023, Harmanjot Singh was nominated as an accused on the basis of secret information and he was arrested and in his disclosure statement, he nominated Amandeep Singh @ Mithu, Amritpal Singh and Kashmir Singh as accused. On 16.06.2023, Kashmir Singh was arrested. On 19.06.2023, Amandeep Singh @ Mithu and Dinesh Singh were arrested and one pistol was recovered from co-accused Dinesh Singh. On the disclosure statement of co-accused Dinesh Singh, Rajbir Singh, Sher Singh @ Shera, Subhpreet Singh @ Subh, Gurpreet Singh @ Lala (petitioner), Balraj Singh @ Baja, Love, Mani, Kabal Singh and Gola were nominated as accused vide DDR No.21 dated 19.06.2023. Pursuant to his disclosure statement, co-accused Dinesh Singh also got recovered one pistol 32 bore alongwith 11 cartridges, one pistol 12 bore with 10 live cartridges and 2 empty cartridges. Petitioner Gurpreet Singh @ Lala got recovered one pistol and 05 live cartridges while Amandeep Singh @ Mithu got recovered one motorcycle, one country-made pistol 315 bore along with 3 live cartridges and 2 empty cartridges. Co-accused Rajbir Singh got recovered one motorcycle and Balraj Singh also got recovered one motorcycle. It was revealed that Dinesh Singh, Rajbir, Gurpreet Singh @ Lala, Subhpreet Singh @ Subh, Jarnail Singh, Amandeep Singh, Balraj Singh, Love, Sher Singh, Mani, Kabal Singh etc. had hatched conspiracy to commit the murder of Charanjit Singh and at the time of



occurrence, co-accused Dinesh Singh has traveled on the motorcycle being driven by petitioner Gurpreet Singh @ Lala to the house of deceased and they had fired at his house resulting in the death of said Harbhajan Singh. After completion of investigation, final report was presented against the accused for trial.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner contended that the offence in question was committed by unknown persons. Petitioner is in custody since 28.06.2023. Challan has already been presented after completion of investigation. The only eye-witness, who is the author of the FIR namely Charanjit Singh has already been examined as PW-4 during the trial. However, he has not identified petitioner to be amongst the assailants and he has only identified one of the accused Dinesh Singh. No other eye-witness remains to be examined. All material witnesses except official witnesses have already been examined and there is thus no possibility of petitioner intimidating or winning over the witnesses. The trial will take a long time to conclude and no useful purpose will be served by detaining the petitioner in custody anymore and he may be released on bail.

5. On the other hand, learned State counsel has opposed the bail and argued that in view of the gravity of offence, he does not deserve the benefit of bail.

6. Offence in question was committed by unknown persons and no one was named in the FIR. The name of petitioner was disclosed by co-accused Dinesh Singh in his disclosure statement. However, the complainant namely Charanjit Singh has already been examined as PW-4 and he has not identified petitioner to be amongst the assailants, who fired the shots. No other material witness remains to be examined. Petitioner is in custody since 28.06.2023. The trial will take some more time to conclude and no useful purpose will be served by



detaining the petitioner in custody anymore and he deserves to be released on bail.

7. In view of the above, without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail bond and surety bond to the satisfaction of learned Trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

8. Pending misc. application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

19.11.2025
Priyanka Thakur

(YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR)
JUDGE

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