

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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2025:PHHC:152106



CRM-M-24564-2025 (O&M)
Date of decision: 04.11.2025.

PALVINDER SINGH @ PINDA

...Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent(s)

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

Present :- Mr. Vivek K. Thakur, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Mohit Kapoor, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

The present second petition has been filed under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No.32 dated 21.03.2024, under Section(s) 307, 353, 186, 506, 148 and 149 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (Section 120-B of the IPC added later on) and under Section 25 and 27 of the Arms Act, 1959, registered at Police Station Sadar, Kapurthala, District Kapurthala, Punjab.

2 The FIR in the present case was registered on the basis of following statement:

“Statement of Kulwinder Singh alias Kinda son of Amarjit Singh resident of Sunnarwal Police Station Sadar Kapurthala District Kapurthala aged about 25 years stated that I am a resident of the above said address and came from Italy about 9 months ago, I went to Italy in 2016 and later from my village Navjot Singh alias Jyoti son Surjit Singh also came to Italy. Navjot Singh alias Jyoti's brother Jinder lived in the village. Who had relations with many bad people. He used to forcefully take money from the people of the village. He also asked for money from my family but they did not give it, so he went abusing my family members, due to which Navjot Singh and I also had a fight in Italy. Navjot Singh's arm was broken during a fight in Italy., which was blamed on me, but after investigation by the police there, I was acquitted, but Navjot Singh, son of Surjit Singh, continued to hold a grudge against me and threatened to kill me repeatedly. Under the same grudge, yesterday on 16-3-2024, Navjot Singh @ Jyoti gave contract to kill from Italy to Lovepreet Singh son of Dalbir Singh resident of Rajada district Gurdaspur and Daler son of unknown resident of Mardi village near Talwandi district Batala had arranged a numberless motorcycle and illegal weapons and sent them to my village Sunnarwal to kill me. I also went there which was Chhinjh in my village yesterday. These 3 persons kept looking for me in Chhinjh to kill me and also kept going around the village on motorcycles but luckily when people suspected them they ran away and my life was saved. Navjot Singh alias Jyoti son of Surjit Singh resident of Sunnarwal Lovepreet Singh son of Dalbir Singh resident of Rajada district Batala and Daler son of unknown residents of village Mardi district Batala have conspired to kill me. Strict legal action should be taken against them. I have written the statement and heard it, it's correct. SD/ Kulvinder Singh.”

not attributed any specific overt act in the incident in question. He contends that only one such injury is alleged to have been caused with the firearm which such firearm has been recovered from co-accused Iqbal Singh. He submits that the petitioner is in custody since 21.03.2024 and that he had earlier filed a petition for the grant of regular bail bearing No.CRM-M-28383-2024 which was dismissed vide order dated 19.12.2024. It was observed in the said order that the petitioner may approach the trial Court seeking concession of bail if the trial does not conclude within 02 years of petitioner's custody. However, the said order was assailed by the petitioner before the Hon'ble Supreme Court and vide order dated 20.02.2025, the Hon'ble Supreme Court modified the order passed by this Court and granted liberty to the petitioner to renew his bail application, if so advised, once the chargesheet is filed. He contends that since the needful has already been done, hence, the present second petition for the grant of regular bail has been filed.

4 Counsel for the petitioner makes a reference to the Status report dated 18.07.2025 that had been filed on behalf of the respondent-State and contends that the respondents do not dispute that no weapon has been recovered from the petitioner and that there is only one injured viz official of DHL and that the weapon in question has been recovered from the possession of co-accused-Iqbal Singh. He submits that the petitioner has undergone an actual custody for a period of more than 01 year and 07 months and that the trial is still at initial stage as no witness out of the 18 witnesses cited by the prosecution has been examined so far.

5 On the other hand, State counsel contends that the petitioner is

also involved in two other criminal cases. He submits that nearly 20-25 rounds had been fired against the NCB officials which resulted in injury to one DHL official and thus the petitioner does not deserve the concession of regular bail.

6 Having heard the learned counsel for the parties and taking into consideration the fact that there is no disclosure as regards the total number of cartridges recovered from the spot; that only one person had received fire shot injury in the incident and which such weapon has been recovered from co-accused Iqbal Singh; that no recovery has been effected from the petitioner and that the petitioner has been in custody since 21.03.2024 and bearing in mind that no witness out of 18 witnesses has been examined so far, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing requisite bail bond/surety bond to the satisfaction of the Trial Court/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

7 It is made clear that the petitioner 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.

November 04, 2025.
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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No