



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH
(228) CRM-M-25762-2025 (O & M)
Date of decision: 04.08.2025

Manpreet Singh

.... Petitioner

V/s

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASJIT SINGH BEDI

Present: Mr. Hargun Sandhu, Advocate and
Ms. Diya Bhagwan, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Harkanwar Jeet Singh, AAG, Punjab.

JASJIT SINGH BEDI, J. (Oral)

The prayer in this petition under Section 483 of the BNSS, 2023 is for the grant of the regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.38 dated 15.02.2023 under Sections 307, 34 and 120-B IPC and Section 25 of the Arms Act (Section 120-B IPC and Section 27, 54, 59 of the Arms Act and 201 IPC added later on) registered at Police Station Chheharta, District Amritsar.

2. The present FIR came to be registered at the instance of Malkit Singh and reads as under:-

Statement of Malkit Singh son of Gurnam Singh resident of Street No. 6, Baba Deep Singh Colony, Miri Piri Academy Road, Chheharta, Amritsar age approximately 50 years, mobile 98141-78416 that I am the resident of the above said address and plies a Van at DAV Public School Lawrence Road, Amritsar. I have two sons. Elder son namely Jagjit Singh has gone to Kuwait and younger son Ranjit Singh @ Raja works as a Model and resides with me. In September 2021, the quarrel of my son Ranjit Singh @ Raja was taken place due to some



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reason with Varinder Singh son of Harjinder Singh resident of Village Bhaini and in that regard FIR No. 229/21 was registered against my son Ranjit Singh at police station Chheharta and my son was arrested in the above said FIR and was lodged in jail and now he was on bail in the above said FIR. The opposite party Varinder Singh Etc. kept grudge against my son till now and wanted to take the revenge. I with the intervention of the respectable persons got affected the compromise of my son Ranjit Singh with regard to the FIR registered against him by the opposite party Varinder Singh in the tune of Rs. 6 Lacs. From which I gave Rs. 3,50,000/- in cash to the Varinder Singh party and two cheques from them one cheque of Rs. 1 lakh and second cheque of Rs. 1,50,000/- was given yesterday on dated 14.02.2023. Today on dated 15.02.2023, at time approximately 12.00 PM, my son Ranjit Singh went to Amritsar City on his bullet motorcycle from home for some domestic work. At time approximately 12:45 PM, my son Ranjit Singh @ Raja told to me by making the phone call on my mobile phone that when he was going outside from the Punjab National Wali Gali from the Partap Mill Colony Chheharta and when reached at vacant plot near the Guru Nanak Dental Clinic at Punjab National Bank then two persons on motorcycle came from back side who fired a shot on my back from backside and fled away on motorcycle towards the front side. My motorcycle fell into the plot by getting uncontrolled and wayfarers by picking me up got admitted in the Arora Hospital, Chheharta and said reach hospital immediately. On that I by disconnecting the phone call of my son reached Arora Hospital Chheharta, where doctor was giving treatment to my son Ranjit Singh @ Raja. I asked about this incident from my son Ranjit Singh who told that Varinder Singh etc. have taken the money from us for the compromise in the FIR got registered against me and have got fired the shot to me by sending the persons. Yesterday, on dated 14.02.2023, Varinder Singh was



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also looking at me with anger. Reason behind the grudge is that Varinder Singh son of Harjinder Singh etc were keeping grudge with my son due to the old quarrel and earlier also were talking about to take the revenge from my son. Due to this reason only. Varinder Singh party by sending the unknown persons have got fired the shot on the back of my son Ranjit Singh @ Raja with intention to kill and made him injured. Appropriate legal action may be taken against Varinder Singh and his companions. Statement is recorded, heard, it is correct. Sd/-Malkit Singh.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. Taking the allegations to be correct, he is stated to have been riding the bike and the injured was fired upon by Amar Singh/co-accused. As the petitioner is in custody since 24.02.2023 but only 5 of the 16 prosecution witnesses have been examined so far, the Trial of the present case is not likely to be concluded anytime soon and therefore, he is entitled to the concession of bail.

4. The learned counsel for the State, on the other hand, contends that as serious allegations have been levelled against the petitioner, he is not entitled to the concession of bail. He, however, concedes that the petitioner is in custody since 24.02.2023 and that only 05 of the 16 prosecution witnesses have been examined so far.

5. I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

6. The veracity of the prosecution case against the petitioner and his co-accused shall be adjudicated during the course of the Trial. Admittedly, the petitioner is a first-time offender, in custody since 24.02.2023 but only 05 of the 16 prosecution witnesses have been examined



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so far. Therefore, the Trial in the present case is not likely to be concluded anytime soon. In this situation, the further incarceration of the petitioner is not required.

7. Thus, without commenting upon the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner, namely, Manpreet Singh is ordered to be released on bail to the satisfaction of the Trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

8. The petitioner shall appear before the police station concerned on the first Monday of every month till the conclusion of the trial and inform in writing each time that he is not involved in any other case except the present one.

9. In addition, the petitioner (or anyone on his behalf) shall prepare an FDR in the sum of Rs.50,000/- and deposit the same with the Trial Court. The same would be liable to be forfeited as per law in case of the absence of the petitioner from Trial without sufficient cause.

10. The present petition stands disposed of.

11. The pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of accordingly.

(JASJIT SINGH BEDI)
JUDGE

August 04, 2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned	: Yes/No
Whether reportable	: Yes/No