

2025.PHHC:111557



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

CRM-M-35045-2024

Date of decision : 22.08.2025

Sandeep alias Gola alias Sandeep

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE

Present: Mr. Akashdeep Singh, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Deepak Balyan, Addl. Advocate General, Haryana.

SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE (Oral)

1. The petitioner, who is in custody since 24.01.2021 and is alleged with the offence of murder, has filed this petition for grant of regular bail in FIR No. 23 dated 21.01.2021 under Sections 302, 449 IPC (Section 25 of Arms Act added in challan), registered at Police Station Rohtak Sadar, District Rohtak.

2. Custody certificate filed on behalf of the State is taken on record.

3. The petitioner is in custody since 04 years, 06 months and 22 days as on 20.08.2025, for the charge of murder. The

petitioner is the sole accused and in the trial, out of twenty enlisted witnesses, three have been examined, whereas learned counsel for the petitioner has brought the attention of this Court to the deposition of PW-4 (Meena), the sole eye witness, which concluded on 17.05.2025. The said testimony of the sole eye witness is taken on record as Annexure A1.

4. Looking to the period of custody, which is about 4½ years and the fact that the main prosecution witnesses have been examined and also that the petitioner though, has a criminal antecedent, but he has been acquitted on 08.05.20214, as informed by learned State counsel, this Court is inclined to grant bail due to prolonged pre-trial custody, but with stringent conditions.

5. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds in the sum of Rs. 1,00,000/- with two sureties of Rs. 50,000/- each, to the satisfaction of the trial court/Duty Magistrate, subject to the conditions stipulated in Section 437 (3) Cr.P.C./Section 480 (3) of BNSS, 2023 and following condition:

- (i) the petitioner shall plant 10 saplings of indigenous plants at a public place and submit proof in that regard by way of photographs before the trial court within a period of 15 days and if there is no such intimation submitted or intimation is found to be incorrect, then the State can move an application for cancellation of bail of the petitioner.

6. The petition stands allowed.

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

August 22, 2025
Ajay Prasher

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