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**(220) IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

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Date of Decision: 17.09.2025**

Gurpal Singh alias Pala and anr.

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASJIT SINGH BEDI

Present: Mr. S.S. Dhillon, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. M.S. Toor, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Amaninder Singh Sekhon, Advocate,
for the complainant.

JASJIT SINGH BEDI, J.

The prayer in this petition under Section 483 BNSS is for the grant of regular bail in case bearing FIR No.17 dated 18.05.2023 under Sections 302, 201, 120-B, 148 and 149 IPC registered at Police Station GRP, Faridkot, District Faridkot.

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

“Statement of Jaskaran Singh alias Jassa aged about 29 years S/o Balwinder Singh S/o Jarnail Singh resident of Chak saidoke P.S Ameer Khas district Fazlika, Mob. No. 98552-56783. Stated that I am resident of abovementioned address and searching for job after completing my study of B.A, B.ed. we are two brothers and one sister. My elder brother Baljeet Singh age about 32 years and I am younger than him and my younger sister



Amandeep Kaur who is married to Ranjit Singh s/o Harpal Singh resident of Jhabelwali, District Sri Muktsar Sahib. My brother in law Ranjit Singh is working in the army. My brother Baljit Singh is married to Simranjit Kaur for about 10 years, who has two children, the elder boy Prabhjot Singh aged about 9 years and the younger girl Aishmeet Kaur aged about 7 months. Baljeet Singh used to work as a mason and wheat season he used to drive the threshing machine from Basarke district Amritsar Sahib. In this wheat season also he went on threshing machine of Gurpreet Singh and returned home on dated 13-05-2023 after reaping the season and on 15-05-2023 Baljeet Singh who asked me and his wife Simranjeet Kaur to drive the computer leveller and tractor of Gurpreet Singh village Basarke and went from our house at village Chak Saidoke at 3:30 in the evening. I left him in the bus to Sri Muktsar sahib from bus stand of our village. After this my brother Baljeet Singh kept talking to his wife Simranjeet Kaur and he also talked to me from his number 94173-57202 to my phone number 98552-56783 at 7:32 in the evening and told me that I have reached in Amritsar Sahib and after this he talked to his wife at about 8:00 in the night and told her that I have reached Chehrata Sahib and there is another phone number 76529-00472 was also working in the mobile phone of my brother Baljeet Singh. After this we tried to call him to talk to Baljeet Singh, then his phone was busy and at about 10 o'clock at night his phone was switched off. Next day on 16-05-2023 we started looking for him and went to police station Ameer Khas and gave a verbal statement and started asking the relatives then cousin brother Luv S/o Kala Singh resident of Tamkot told me that Baljeet Singh met him yesterday at about 6:15 in evening near Malout bypass Sri Muktsar Sahib and to whom Baljeet Singh said that I have to meet someone at Bathinda Bypass Sri Muktsar Sahib. After this we reached Bathinda Bypass Sri



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Muktsar Sahib while searching and there we checked the cameras at doctor's shop then on 15-05-2023 at about 6:27 PM to 6:49 PM Baljeet Singh was seen standing and making a phone call at Bathinda Bypass Sri Muktsar Sahib, after that we did not know about anything. Yesterday dated 17-05-2023 from the photo came on social media late at night we came to know that Railway Police Sri Muktsar Sahib found one dead body from small cannal, which we have identified today by going to Civil Hospital Sri Muktsar Sahib through the staff of railway police post Sri Muktsar Sahib. This dead body belongs to my brother Baljeet Singh S/o Balwinder Singh, resident of village Chak Saidoke P.S Ameer Khas, district Fazilka in whose's head there are lot of injuires. My brother Baljeet Singh was last seen on 15-05-2023 in the evening at Bathinda Bypass Sri Muktsar Sahib. My brother Baljeet Singh was taken by unknown persons at unknown place and gave injuries on his head and have thrown the dead body in cannal with the purpose to scraping the dead body. Kindly register the case and arrest the accused who killed my brother Baljeet Singh. I have stated by statement which is correct. Sd/- Jaskaran Singh alias Jassa”.

3. On 30.05.2023, on the basis of statement of Simranjeet Kaur, wife of the deceased-Baljit Singh @ Baljeet Singh, Saudagar Singh @ Mani Fauji (since granted bail vide a common order dated 22.05.2025, Annexure P-4) and Chamkaur Singh @ Gotee were nominated as accused.

Chamkaur Singh @ Gotee was arrested and on his statement, Gurpal Singh @ Pala (petitioner No.1), Rupinder Singh @ Gora (since granted bail vide a common order dated 22.05.2025, Annexure P-4), Arshdeep Singh @ Arshi (petitioner No.2) and Simranpreet Kaur @ Simmu (since



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granted bail vide order dated 24.07.2024, Annexure P-3) were nominated as accused.

From Gurpal Singh @ Pala, a kit bag was recovered alongwith clothes worn by him at the time of occurrence. From Chamkaur Singh @ Gotee, one iron *kapa* was recovered alongwith clothes worn by him at the time of occurrence.

On 16.06.2023, Simranpreet Kaur @ Simmu was arrested. She disclosed that Saudagar Singh @ Mani Fauji, was her boy friend. The younger sister of Baljit Singh (deceased), namely, Amandeep Kaur was married to Ranjit Singh. There was enmity between the in-laws of Amandeep Kaur and the family of Saudagar Singh @ Mani Fauji because of which they had registered cases against each other. Baljit Singh (deceased) had been pursuing the above-said case being the brother-in-law of Ranjit Singh because of this fact, Saudagar Singh @ Mani Fauji used to threaten him (Baljit Singh). As the petitioner was the girl friend of Saudagar Singh @ Mani Fauji, she in connivance with Saudagar Singh @ Mani Fauji trapped Baljit Singh (deceased) in a love affair coerced him to come to Bathinda Chownk, Sri Muktsar Sahib from where her co-accused took him towards a rivulet and murdered him.

4. The learned counsel for the petitioners contends that the co-accused, namely, Simranpreet Kaur @ Simmu, Rupinder Singh @ Gora and Saudagar Singh @ Mani Fauji have been granted the concession of bail by this Court vide orders dated 24.07.2024 and 22.05.2025 (Annexures P-3 & P-4 respectively). As the petitioners are in custody since 14.06.2023 but only 08



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out of the 42 prosecution witnesses have been examined so far, the Trial of the present case was not likely to be concluded anytime soon and therefore, they are entitled to the concession of bail.

5. The learned counsel for the State, on the other hand, has placed on record the reply dated 16.09.2025. While referring to the same, he alongwith the learned counsel for the complainant contend that the nature of the allegations levelled against the petitioners do not entitle them to the concession of bail. They, however, concede that three co-accused have been granted the concession of bail, that the petitioners are in custody since 14.06.2023 but only 08 of the 42 prosecution witnesses have been examined so far.

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

7. The veracity of the prosecution case against the petitioners and their co-accused shall be adjudicated upon during the course of the Trial. Admittedly, the petitioners are in custody since 14.06.2023 but only 08 of the 42 prosecution witnesses have been examined so far. Therefore, the Trial in the present case is not likely to be concluded anytime soon. Three co-accused, namely, Simranpreet Kaur @ Simmu, Rupinder Singh @ Gora and Saudagar Singh @ Mani Fauji have been granted the concession of bail. In this situation, they can be granted the said concession as well.

8. Thus without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the petitioners-Gurpal Singh alias Pala and Arshdeep Singh alias Arshi are ordered to be released on bail subject to their furnishing

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bail bonds and surety bonds each to the satisfaction of learned CJM/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

9. The petition stands disposed of.

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

(JASJIT SINGH BEDI)
JUDGE

September 17, 2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No

Whether reportable:- Yes/No