



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

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CRM-M-34765-2025
Date of decision: 11.07.2025

PREM LAHOR

... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

.. Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.S. GREWAL**Present:-** Mr. Vijay Lath, Advocate for the petitioner.

H.S. Grewal, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 483 of BNSS 2023 seeking regular bail in FIR No.07 dated 14.01.2021 under Section 302 of IPC, 1860 registered at Police Station Balongi, District SAS Nagar.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner had given knife blows in the stomach of Dhan Bahadur and the said occurrence has been witnessed by the sister of the deceased, namely, Kumari Keshi who has appeared as PW1 and during her cross examination she has stated that it was told by the police that her brother had a quarrel with the petitioner and the petitioner had stabbed him. Further, a perusal of her statement shows that she is not the eye witness of the said occurrence.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is in custody for a period of more than 04 years and 05 months and he is not involved in any other case.



4. Learned counsel for the State vehemently opposes the grant of concession of regular bail by way of filing of custody certificate dated 10.07.2025 and further states that the petitioner is in custody for the last 04 years, 05 months and 23 days. He further submits that 04 out of 18 prosecution witnesses have been examined so far.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have gone through the material placed on record.

6. Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the present case, and the fact that the petitioner is in custody for the last 04 years, 05 months and 23 days and also, only 04 out 18 prosecution witnesses have been examined, the conclusion of the trial is likely to take a long time and as such, further incarceration of the petitioner would not serve the ends of justice. Therefore, this Court deems it a fit case to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioner.

7. Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed. The petitioner is granted concession of regular bail in the present case, on his furnishing requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate/ Chief Judicial Magistrate concerned. The pending applications, if any, also stand disposed of.

8. It is however, made clear that in case during his bail, the petitioner indulges in any offence, the State shall be at liberty to file an application for cancellation of bail of the petitioner.

10th July, 2025

Sonia Puri

(H.S. GREWAL)
JUDGE

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