

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

2025:PHHC:119539



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CRM-M-34191-2025 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 03.09.2025.

Ranjit Singh @ Rana

...Petitioner.

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent.

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE SUKHVINDER KAUR

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

Mr. Navdeep Singh, DAG, Punjab.

SUKHVINDER KAUR, J.

Prayer in the present petition, filed under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023 for grant of Regular bail to the petitioner in FIR No.136 dated 03.11.2024, under Sections 309(2), 140(3), 191(3), 190 of BNS, 2023 and Sections 25 & 27 of the Arms Act, 1959 (Sections 310(2), 317(2) of BNS and Section 29 of the Arms Act added later on and Section 309(2) BNS and Section 25 of the Arms Act were deleted vide report No.11 dated 14.01.2025), registered at Police Station Kulgarhi, District Ferozepur.

Learned counsel for petitioner has contended that the petitioner was nominated as an accused in this case on 23.11.2024 after a gap of 20 days from registration of the FIR. He further contended that the alleged recovery has already been effected and the petitioner in in custody since 24.11.2024. He has urged that as trial of the case is likely to take time, therefore, the petitioner be granted concession of regular bail.

While issuing notice of motion on 09.07.2025, respondent-State was directed to file status report, which was filed on 25.08.2025 in the Court and the same is taken on record.

Learned State counsel, while referring to the status report, has opposed the bail petition while contending that there are serious allegations against the petitioner that he along with other co-accused kidnapped complainant Dildar and his helper Ramzan from their truck on gun point, which was loaded with 764 bags of rice and took away these rice bags from the truck of the complainant. He also took away mobile phone of the complainant and cash amount of Rs.35,000/-lying in the truck and he does not deserve the concession of bail.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties and have also gone through the case file.

As per the allegations, the FIR in the present case was registered against unknown persons on the statement of complainant Dildar. The petitioner and other co-accused were nominated as an accused on 23.11.2024 after a gap of 20 days of registration of FIR on 03.11.2024. During investigation, 450 rice bags were got recovered as per the disclosure statement of the petitioner. Thus, recovery in this case has already been effected. After completion of investigation challan has also been presented against all the five accused persons for trial and said case is now fixed for further proceedings. As per status report on record, in most of the other criminal cases registered against the petitioner, he has already been acquitted. As per the Custody Certificate placed on record, the petitioner has already undergone sentence of 09 months and 09 days. Conclusion of trial is likely to take time. So, no useful purpose would be served by further

detaining the petitioner behind the bars.

Accordingly, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be admitted to regular bail, on furnishing adequate bail bonds and surety bonds, to the satisfaction of concerned learned Trial Judge/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate.

However, nothing observed herein above shall be construed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case. The observations recorded above are only for the purpose of deciding the present bail petition.

Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

(SUKHVINDER KAUR)
JUDGE

03.09.2025.

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