



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

CRM-M-35139-2025

Reserved on: 22nd August, 2025

Pronounced on: 1st September, 2025

Raju

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

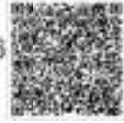
Present: Ms. Amarjot Kaur, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Roshandeep Singh, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab.

MANISHA BATRA, J :-

1. The present petition has been filed by the petitioner under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (For short “BNSS”) seeking regular bail in the FIR No. 28 dated 22.04.2024 registered under Sections 302, 148 and 149 of IPC (201, 202 and 34 of IPC and 29 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (For short “NDPS Act”) added later on) (148 and 149 of IPC were deleted) at Qadian, Batala, District Gurdaspur.

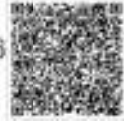
2. Brief facts relevant for the purpose of disposal of the present petition are that the aforementioned FIR had been registered on the basis of statement recorded by the complainant Jeeta on 22.04.2024, alleging therein that on 21.04.2024, he was present in his house along with his wife Paramjeet Kaur, when the accused Vishal @ Khuda, Sumit, Manjit Singh @ Jajji, Amritpal Singh @ Ammy and Pavitar came outside and called his son Sahil and took him along with them. His son did not return home. In the



night, he had kept making search for his son and in the morning, he came to know about the dead body of some youth lying near Batala Road, Qadian. He rushed towards the spot and identified the dead body to be of his son. Blood was oozing out from the nose and there were injury marks on the dead body. He alleged that accused Sumit along with the above named accused had administered some poisonous substance to his son and had caused injuries to him thereby killing him and thereafter had thrown his dead body. The cause of grudge as given by him was that there was some money dispute between the victim and the assailants. Investigation proceedings were initiated. Postmortem examination of the dead body was conducted. On 24.04.2024, the complainant recorded a supplementary statement that the co-accused Manjit Singh @ Jajji, Amritpal Singh @ Ammy and Pavitar had delivered contraband heroin to the co-accused Vishal and the petitioner and they had given the same to the victim for consumption. The petitioner along with co-accused Bobby @ Pappi and Rani was nominated as accused during investigation and was arrested on 24.04.2024. The co-accused were also arrested subsequently. Investigation now stands concluded.

3. It is argued by learned counsel for the petitioner that he has been falsely implicated in this case. He was not named in the FIR. No role whatsoever has been attributed to him. He is alleged to have caused injuries to the victim but there is no material on record to show so. The complainant has not implicated him in the subject offences. He has clean antecedents. The co-accused Sumit Kumar @ Sumit and Manjit Singh, have since been extended benefit of bail. On parity, he too deserves to be extended the benefit of bail. It is, therefore, urged that he deserves to be released on bail.

4. Status report has been filed. It is argued by learned State



counsel that keeping in view the gravity of the allegations as levelled against the petitioner, he does not deserve to be released on bail. Therefore, it is urged that the petition does not deserve to be allowed.

5. This Court has heard learned counsel for the parties at considerable length and has gone through the record carefully.

6. The petitioner along with the co-accused is alleged to have assaulted the victim and is further alleged to have injected a syringe containing heroin to the victim. However, the complainant Jeeta has not implicated the petitioner in commission of subject offence. He has been in custody since 24.04.2024. The trial will take considerable time to conclude. The petitioner does not have any criminal antecedents. No useful purpose would be served by keeping him in custody anymore. The co-accused have since been extended benefit of bail, on parity, the petitioner deserves to be given the same benefit. In view of the above discussed facts, this Court is of the considered opinion that the petitioner deserves to be released on bail. Hence, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail subject to his furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate concerned.

7. It is, however, clarified that the observations made hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

8. Since the main petition has been allowed, pending application, if any, is rendered infructuous.

[MANISHA BATRA]
JUDGE

1st September, 2025

Parveen Sharma

1. *Whether speaking/ reasoned*
2. *Whether reportable*

: *Yes / No*
: *Yes / No*