

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

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CRM-M-42539-2025

Date of decision: 19th November, 2025

Veerpal Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

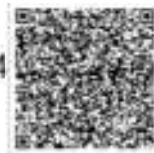
CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present: Mr. Munish Raj Chaudhary, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Roshan Deep Singh, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab.

MANISHA BATRA, J (ORAL):-

The present petition has been filed under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') by the petitioner seeking grant of regular bail in case bearing FIR No. 601 dated 29.12.2023 registered under Sections 302, 397 and 411 of IPC read with Section 34 of IPC at Police Station City Barnala.

2. The aforementioned FIR was registered on the basis of statement recorded by the complainant Sandeep Gill on 29.12.2023 alleging therein that he along with his friends Parveen Kumar, Parwana and Lovepreet Singh was operating a firm under the name of PSL enterprises. They had been getting a hotel and restaurant constructed. He had deputed his maternal uncle Mahender Singh as a care taker of the under construction building of the hotel and used to regularly visit the construction site along with his friends. In the morning of 29.12.2023, on receipt of an information about the fact that Mahender Singh had sustained injuries and was in a critical condition, the complainant along with his friends reached at the site

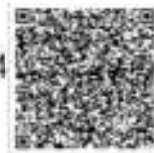


condition. He found the articles like cylinder, taps etc. and the mobile phone of his uncle to be missing. After registration of FIR against unknown assailants, investigation proceedings were initiated. Post-mortem examination of the dead body and inquest proceedings were conducted.

3. As per the further allegations, on 30.12.2023, on the basis of statement recorded by Sukhwant Singh @ Bhola Panchayat member, the petitioner and co-accused Angrej Singh were nominated as accused. They were arrested on the same day. On interrogation, the petitioner suffered disclosure statement admitting that he along with the co-accused had caused the death of the victim Mahender Singh by striking blows with a wooden bat and had removed articles included his phone, taps from the under construction premises. He got recovered the gas cylinder, some plastic bags and mobile phone of the deceased. Offence under Section 411 of IPC was added. Investigation now stands completed.

4. 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. A false recovery has been planted upon him. The trial will take considerable time to conclude since only 04 prosecution witnesses out of 26 witnesses have been examined. The co-accused Angrej Singh has been extended the same benefit. On parity, he too deserves to be extended benefit of same bail. It is, therefore, urged that the petition deserves to be allowed.

5. *Per contra*, learned State counsel has argued that there are serious and specific allegations against the petitioner. Recovery of the cell phone of the deceased and the articles stolen from the place of occurrence has been effected at his instance. The case is based on circumstantial evidence and the circumstances show the complicity of the petitioner in the



crime. The trial is going on at a proper pace and there is nothing on record to show that there would be any undue delay in conclusion of the same. The case of the petitioner is not at parity with the case of the co-accused as no recovery was effected from him. It is, therefore, urged that the petition does not deserve to be allowed.

6. This Court has heard learned counsel for the parties at considerable length.

7. The petitioner along with the co-accused Angrej Singh is alleged to have committed the murder of the victim and is further alleged to have looted/committed theft of phone and some other articles at the spot. Recovery of the cell phone of the victim and some of the above discussed articles were effected at the instance of the petitioner which *prima facie* shows his complicity in the crime. The case of the petitioner cannot be stated at parity with the co-accused who has been extended benefit of bail. The allegations against the petitioner are quite serious in nature. Taking into consideration, the nature of the allegations, the quantum of sentence which the conviction may entail and the attendant facts and circumstances of the case but without meaning to make any comment on the merits thereof lest the same prejudice the trial, this Court is of the considered opinion that the petition does not deserve to be allowed. Accordingly, the same is dismissed.

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

[MANISHA BATRA]
JUDGE

19th November, 2025

Parveen Sharma

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

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