



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH
(217)

CRM-M-46089-2025 (O & M)
Date of decision: 29.10.2025

Hanuman alias Doctor

.... Petitioner

V/s

State of Haryana

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASJIT SINGH BEDI

Present: Mr. Pavitra, Advocate and
Mr. Mohit, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. T.P. Singh, Sr. DAG, Haryana.

JASJIT SINGH BEDI, J. (Oral)

The prayer in the present petition under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023 is for the grant of regular bail to the petitioner in a case FIR No.245 dated 07.10.2021 under Sections 302, 34 IPC, 1860 and Section 25 of the Arms Act, 1959 and Sections 147, 148, 149, 120-B IPC (added later on) registered at Police Station Bhuna, District Fatehabad (Haryana).

2. The present FIR came to be registered at the instance of Somnath and reads as under:-

Statement of Somnath s/o Harichand R/o Khasa Pathana aged 63 years Stated that I am a resident of above-mentioned address and work as an agriculturist. I have two sons namely Rajesh @ Raja (elder son) and Pankaj Kumar (younger son) and both my sons are married. Yesterday on dated 6.10.2021, I along with my younger son Pankaj Kumar were coming back to our village Khasa Pathana via village Snachla road from our office at Bhuna In our car bearing registration no. HR-23G-



4184 coloured white. The car was being driven by my son Pankaj Kumar and I was sitting on the front seat of the car. At about 10.15 p.m when we reached near a plot of one Balraj s/o Diwan Singh r/o Khasa Pathana, then suddenly the tire of our car got punctured. Thereafter my son got out of the car to check the same and at the same time 2-3 unknown young person came on a motor cycle out of which one was wearing a helmet who had a pistol in their hands. Thereafter, they started quarrelling with my son and started firing upon my son with the pistol which they were carrying with themselves. Due to the fear, my son Pankaj Kumar ran towards the plot of Balraj through the fields and when he started to run those unknown persons started firing indiscriminately at my son and due to the bullet injuries fell down in the field. Thereafter those unknown persons ran away from the spot on their motor cycle with their weapons. Then I made hue and cry due to which the villagers came to the spot and they got my son admitted by arranging a vehicle in the government hospital Bhuna for his treatment where my son was declared brought dead by the doctor. I got unconscious after seeing the dreadful death of my son. Now after becoming conscious, I have read and understood the statement which I had given my statement to you. A strict legal action be taken against all those unknown persons who have murdered my son by firing at him. I have read and understood the statement which is correct. Sd Somnath Attested Dilbag Singh SI PS Bhuna Dt 07.10.2021.

3. Pursuant to the registration of the aforementioned FIR, the statement of Rajesh @ Raja dated 07.10.2021 (Annexure P-2) was recorded under Section 175 Cr.P.C. and the same reads as under:-

Statement of Rajesh alias Raja son of Somnath, resident of Khasa Pathana, aged 35 years, under Section 175 Cr.P.C.



It is stated that I am resident of the aforesaid address and am liquor contractor. We are two brothers, I am elder and younger to me is Pankaj Kumar. We both are unmarried. Yesterday on 06.10.2021 I had gone to Delhi for some work, when I received information that my father and my brother Pankaj Kumar were going in our Car No.HR 23 G 4184 of white colour from our office at Bhuna to our village Khasa Pathana via Sanchla Road. The car was being driven by my brother Pankaj Kumar and my father was sitting on the front side seat. When in night at about 10.15 PM, they reached near the plot of Balraj son of Diwan Singh of our village, due to puncture in the tyre of the car, air was discharged, then my brother Pankaj Kumar after coming down from the car, started checking the tyres, then at the same time from behind a motorcycle came on which 2/3 young boys of unknown name and address were there, one of them was wearing a helmet, who was having pistol in his hands and started hurling abuses with Pankaj and started firing with the pistols having in their hands. Pankaj out of fear started running towards fields via plot of Balraj, then the aforesaid boys of unknown names and address fired indiscriminately. Pankaj had fallen down in the field by hitting the bullets and the boys of unknown names and address fled away from the spot alongwith their respective weapons and motorcycle. Then my father raised a noise and then the people of neighbourhood came at the spot and after arranging for a vehicle, got my brother Pankaj in Government Hospital, Bhuna for treatment, where the Doctor Sahab declared my son as dead. On seeing the painful death of Pankaj, my father had become unconscious. Now I have also reached here. My brother Pankaj Kumar has been murdered by some boys of unknown names and address by inflicting bullets. After searching the unknown boys, a strict legal action may be taken against them. I have kept dead body of my brother Pankaj in a room of CHC Bhuna and have



identified the same. I have got my statement recorded, same has been read over and understood and is correct.

4. Thereafter, the statement of Rajesh @ Raja dated 09.10.2021 (Annexure P-3) was recorded under Section 161 Cr.P.C. and the same reads as under:-

A Statement of Rajesh alias Raja son of Somnath, resident of Khasa Pathana, under Section 161 Cr.P.C.

It is stated that I am resident of the aforesaid address. We are two brothers, I am elder and younger to me was Pankaj. I have liquor vend of country made/English liquor for the year 2021-22 of the Circle Village Dult and Buan and Myod Kalan, District Fatehabad. On 06.10.21, I had gone to Agra for my some personal work and on 7.10.21, when I reached at home in the morning, many people had gathered at my house and there was uproar at my home. My family members were weeping. When I asked from my father Somnath, he disclosed that we have been spoiled. I asked what happened, on which my father disclosed that yesterday on 06.10.21, I and Pankaj Kumar after boarding in our Car No.HR 23 G 4184, in the night at about 9.30 P.M. were coming to our house from my office at Bhuna. When we reached near the house of Balrai son of Dalip, resident of Khasa Pathana, air from left side tyres of our car was being discharged. When Pankaj Kumar alighted to see tyres of the car, from behind the car some young boys of unknown names and address came on motorcycles from behind the car, who after stopping their motorcycle, all of a sudden fired upon Pankaj Kumar with pistol. Pankaj Kumar started running, then while running, the boys of unknown names and address inflicted many bullets and Pankaj Kumar had fallen down and the boys of unknown names and address fled away on their respective motorcycles alongwith their respective



weapons. Then many people had come from the village, who took Pankaj Kumar immediately by arranging vehicle to Government Hospital, Bhuna, where Doctor Sahab on seeing Pankaj Kumar, declared him as dead. The Haryana Government in the month of May, had allotted new liquor vends, at that time in Bhuna, Vikram Nain, resident of Baijalpur and Jagjit alias Judge, resident of Bhuna had met me and started asking me to stop taking these liquor vends in Bhuna Area. These liquor vends will be taken by we alongwith Vikram Bhambhu, resident of Nadhodi as well as our friends. Then I had asked him, who are you to stop me, I have deposited fees in the Government Treasury. Then they after becoming furious stated then you should be ready to suffer result of this. My brother Pankaj Kumar has been murdered by Vikram Nain, resident of Baijalpur and Jagjit alias Judge son of Balwinder Singh, resident of Bhuna and Vikram Bhambhu, with Karamjit alias Golu son of Ravinder, resident of Kalwan, at present Dharsool and Sanjay alias Saniu son of Satpal Yadav, resident of Gali No.3, Meel Gate, Hisar and Aman Malik son of Satyawan, resident of Shamlo Kalan, District Jind and Karan Singh son of Gurjit, resident of Jabta Khera and Hanuman alias Doctor son of Om Parkash, resident of Nadhodi by hatching a conspiracy. If you will inquire from them, the truth will be revealed. I have got my statement recorded which is correct.

*Sd/-
Station House Officer
Police Station Bhuna,
Dated-09.10.2021*

5. The learned counsel for the petitioner contends that similarly situated co-accused of the petitioner who have been named in the statement of Rajesh @ Raja under Section 161 Cr.P.C., namely, Harkaran Singh @



Karan, Vikram Nain, Karamjeet Singh @ Golu and Jagjeet @ Judge have been granted the concession of bail by this Court vide orders dated 26.05.2025, 04.07.2025 and 17.07.2025 (Annexures P-10 to P-12 respectively). The weapon recovered from the petitioner has not been shown to have been used in the occurrence as per the FSL report (Annexure P-4). As the petitioner is in custody since 05.05.2022 but only 12 out of the 42 prosecution witnesses have been examined so far, the Trial is not likely to be concluded anytime soon and therefore, he is entitled to the concession of bail.

6. The learned State counsel, on the other hand, has filed a reply dated 28.10.2025 which is taken on record. While referring to the said reply, he contends that all the accused armed with fire-arms came to the spot, shot at the deceased-Pankaj Kumar who succumbed to his injuries. The nature of the allegations levelled against the petitioner and his co-accused do not entitle him to the concession of bail. He, however, concedes that the petitioner is in custody since 05.05.2022, only 12 out of the 42 prosecution witnesses have been examined so far and that four co-accused of the petitioner have been granted the concession of bail.

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

8. Similarly situated four co-accused, namely, Harkaran Singh @ Karan, Vikram Nain, Karamjeet Singh @ Golu and Jagjeet @ Judge have been granted the concession of bail. The culpability, if any, of the petitioner would be adjudicated upon during the course of the Trial. He is stated to be in custody since 05.05.2022 but only 12 of the 42 prosecution witnesses have been examined so far. Therefore, the Trial of the present case is not



likely to be concluded anytime soon. In this situation, the further incarceration of the petitioner is not required.

9. Thus, without commenting upon the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner, namely, Hanuman alias Doctor is ordered to be released on bail to the satisfaction of the Trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

10. The present petition stands disposed of.

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

(JASJIT SINGH BEDI)
JUDGE

October 29, 2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No