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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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Date of Decision: 31.10.2025

ANMOL SINGH ALIAS MOLA

... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASJIT SINGH BEDI

Present: Mr.Chaman Lal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Harkanwar Jeet Singh, Asstt. A.G., Punjab.

JASJIT SINGH BEDI, J.

The prayer in this 2nd petition under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023 is for the grant of regular bail in case bearing FIR No.50 dated 30.08.2023 (Annexure P-1) registered under Sections 302, 307, 109, 34 of the IPC and Sections 25, 27, 54, 59 of Arms Act (challan/report qua the petitioner presented for offences under Sections 302, 307, 109, 34, 120-B of the IPC and Sections 25, 27, 54, 59 of Arms Act on 22.11.2023 and charges framed against the petitioner under Sections 109, 120-B IPC on 28.10.2024) at Police Station City Balachaur, District SBS Nagar.

2. The present FIR came to be registered at the instance of Narvinder Singh @ Dhillon S/o Jagtar Singh and the same reads as under:-

“Statement of Narvinder Singh alias Dhillon son of Jagtar Singh resident of Garhi Kanungo, Police Station City Balachaur, District Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar, aged about 29 years mobile



no.8427191928. Stated that I am resident of above said address and doing agriculture work. Yesterday on 29.08.2023, at about 08 P.M., after eating dinner at my home, while going out for walk, I passed through street of my village and stood in the market near Shiv Mandir of our village, which is located on Highway Road passing through our village and shops of the market were almost closed then Narinder Singh alias Dhunna son of Gurmeet Singh resident of Garhi Kanungo met me outside the shops of this market and we both started talking to each other and the above said Narinder Singh alias Dhunna sat down in front of the shutter of a closed shop and I also stood beside him and started talking. In the meantime, it was time about 09.15 PM, that two young men who had covered their faces with clothes, they were passing nearby us on a motorcycle then the young pillion rider of the above said motor cycle shot fire / bullet towards us with the revolver holding in his hand. Out of the bullets shot by the above said motor cyclist, one bullet hit into the head of Narinder Singh alias Dhunna and one bullet while scratching my skin between my stomach and chest, went ahead, due to that I got wound mark on my body and blood started oozing out of this wound and in scared condition, I went towards the backside of the market shops. Both the motor cycle riders young men ran away from the spot alongwith their revolver and then I came back on the place of incident and I saw on the site that the place where Narinder Singh alias Dhunna was sitting, he was lying there covered in blood on paved road and blood was oozing out of his head. In the meantime, Rishi Kumar son of Paramjit who is resident of our village came on the site, who on seeing our condition, arranged the vehicle and took us to Sant Gurmel Singh Memorial Hospital Garhi Kanungo for treatment, there the doctor examined Narinder Singh alias Dhunna and declared him dead and I am here undergoing treatment. The reason of enmity is that about 5 years ago from today, I had indulged in dispute with Manpreet Singh alias Manni son of Avtar Singh alias



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Taar resident of Sajawalpur Police Station Sadar Balachaur at Bus Stand Majari, in which case was registered against us, in which I was released and Manpreet Singh alias Manni had gone away to America and about 1 year ago, he had given me threatening while residing outside that I will get you killed. That the bullets which have been shot today on me and Narinder Singh alias Dhunna by the unknown motorcyclist youngmen, these bullets have been got fired by Manpreet Singh alias Manni. Due to that I got wounded and my companion Narinder Singh alias Dhunna has died. I am getting recorded this statement in the presence of Sanjeev Sharma son of Mohan Lal resident of our village Garhi Kanungo. That legal action may be taken against the above said Manpreet Singh alias Manni and above said both unknown motor cyclists youngmen. Statement got recorded, read and is correct. Sd/- Narvinder Singh.”

3. On 31.08.2025, the complainant-Narvinder Singh got recorded a supplementary statement naming one Anmol Singh @ Maula (petitioner) with whom he had an altercation. Anmol Singh @ Maula was nominated as an accused. On his arrest, he disclosed that Mukesh Kumar @ Manu (granted bail vide order dated 16.10.2025 passed in CRM-M-40356-2024) and he had conducted a reeve of the complainant.

4. The learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. There is absolutely no admissible evidence inculcating the petitioner in the offence in question. Taking the allegations to be corrected, he is stated to have conducted a reeve and is not amongst the assailants who are one Aasish Kumar @ Ashu and Nitin @ Nannu. As the petitioner is in custody since 03.09.2023 but only 02

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of the 42 prosecution witnesses have been examined so far, the Trial of the present case is not likely to be concluded anytime soon and therefore, he is entitled to the concession of bail moreso when a co-accused namely, Mukesh Kumar @ Manu has been granted the concession of bail vide order dated 16.10.2025 passed in CRM-M-40356-2024.

5. A status report dated 30.10.2025 by way of an affidavit of Hemant Malhotra, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Balachaur, District SBS Nagar has been filed on behalf of the State by the learned counsel for the State. The same is taken on record. He contends that the nature of the allegations levelled against the petitioner do not entitle him to the concession of bail. He, however, concedes that the petitioner is named in the disclosure statement of one of the co-accused, that the petitioner is in custody since 04.09.2023 but only 02 of the 42 of the prosecution witnesses have been examined so far and that a co-accused namely, Mukesh Kumar @ Manu has been granted the concession of bail vide order dated 16.10.2025 passed in CRM-M-40356-2024

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

7. The veracity of the prosecution case against the petitioner and his co-accused shall be adjudicated upon during the course of the Trial. Admittedly, the petitioner is a first-time offender, in custody since 03.09.2023 but only 02 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



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not required moreso when a co-accused namely, Mukesh Kumar @ Manu has been granted the concession of bail vide order dated 16.10.2025 passed in CRM-M-40356-2024

8. Thus without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner-Anmol Singh @ Mola S/o Mohan Singh is ordered to be released on bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned CJM/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

9. The petition stands disposed of.

(JASJIT SINGH BEDI)
JUDGE

31.10.2025

JITESH

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