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

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Date of Decision: 29.08.2025

MANPREET SINGH ALIAS MANNU

... PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUBHAS MEHLA

Present: Mr. Kanwalpreet Singh Virk, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Kumar, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

SUBHAS MEHLA, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No. 14 dated 12.02.2025, under Sections 303, 118(1), 109, 324(2), 351 (2), 191 (3), 190 , BNS (Section 303 deleted and Section 304 added later on) registered at Police Station Jalalabad, District Fazilka.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contended that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. The FIR was registered against unknown persons after a delay of eight days of the occurrence. No specific allegations has been made against the petitioner. The opinion of the board of Doctors is also not based upon the examination of the complainant and only based on photocopies of the record. The co-accused namely *Samarjeet Singh alias Abhi Najar* has also been granted concession of bail by the Co-ordinate Bench of this Court vide order dated 17.07.2025 passed

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in CRM-M-36466-2025. Therefore, the petitioner prays for grant of regular bail on parity. He is in custody since 04.05.2025 and the prolonged incarceration without trial violates the petitioner's Fundamental Right under Article 21 of the Constitution of India. The petitioner is a young man of 20 years and a college-going student. The petitioner undertakes to abide by all conditions imposed by this Hon'ble Court and assures that he will not tamper with evidence, influence witnesses, or abscond during trial.

3. Learned State counsel, appearing on advance notice, vehemently opposes the prayer for grant of regular bail to the petitioner and submits that in case the petitioner is granted the concession of regular bail, he will misuse the same. He also submits that the petitioner actively participated in the commission of offence and one *Kappa* has been recovered from his possession and total 14 injuries have been caused to the complainant by the accused. Learned counsel for the State has filed the custody certificate, which is taken on record.

4. Heard.

5. In view of the submission of learned counsel for the petitioner, keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the present case and the fact that the co-accused namely *Samarjeet Singh alias Abhi Najar* has also been granted concession of bail and the investigation is already complete and charge sheet already filed. Petitioner is not required for investigation purpose, trial will take sufficient time to conclude. He is in custody for more than three months and there is no material available on record that he is involved in any other criminal case; petitioner is a student as stated by learned counsel for the petitioner, this Court deems it a fit case to grant the

concession of regular bail to the petitioner.

6. Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Chief Judicial Magistrate concerned.

7. However, it is made clear that in case the petitioner is found to be indulged in any such activity, the prosecution will be at liberty to move an application for cancellation of his bail.

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Whether speaking/reasoned

Whether reportable

Yes/No

Yes/No

(SUBHAS MEHLA)

JUDGE