



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

CRM-M-57305-2024

Date of Decision:13.02.2025

Butta Ram @ Boota Ram

...Petitioner

vs.

State of Punjab

...Respondent

(ii)

CRM-M-6524-2025

Jaswant Singh

...Petitioner

vs.

State of Punjab

...Respondent

Coram : **Hon'ble Mr. Justice N.S.Shekhawat**

Present : Mr. K.S Brar, Advocate with
 Mr. Sumit Kumar, Advocate
 for the petitioner in CRM-M-57305-2024.

 Mr. Piyush Setia, Advocate
 for the petitioner in CRM-M-6524-2025.

 Mr. I.P.S Sabharwal, DAG, Punjab.

N.S.Shekhawat J. (Oral)

1. This order shall dispose of two bail petitions i.e. CRM-M-57305-2024 titled as "*Butta Ram @ Boota Ram Vs. State of Punjab*" and CRM-M-6524-2025 titled as "*Jaswant Singh Vs. State of Punjab*", whereby the petitioners have prayed for grant of regular bail to them in case FIR No.58, dated 07.06.2024, registered under Sections 304,34 of IPC (offence under Sections 302,120-B of IPC added later on, at Police Station Sadar Malout, District Sri Muktsar Sahib (Annexure P-1).

2. The F.I.R in the present case was registered on the basis of the statement made by Surjit Singh, wherein, he alleged that his son Jagmeet Singh

was addicted to drugs and he used to buy the drugs from Prem Ram and Boota Ram. At about 01:00 P.M on 06.05.2024, his son went along with Parvinder Singh @ Seepa and Jaswant Singh on their motorcycle. At about 02:00 P.M, when the complainant was sitting in front of his house, then Parvinder Singh @ Seepa and Jaswant Singh were seen passing in front of his house on their motorcycle, but his son was not with them. The son of the complainant did not return at home till 07:00 P.M. When the complainant went to search for his son, Sewak Singh met him and disclosed that he had seen Jagmeet Singh along with Parvinder Singh @ Seepa and Jaswant Singh. Later on, the dead body of his son was found near cremation ground and one syringe and one empty injection were also lying nearby. The complainant had alleged that his son had died due to overdose of drugs and he strong suspicion that his son had died on account of drugs purchased by him from Prem Ram and Boota Ram. The allegations against Jaswant Singh are that he and Parvinder Singh @ Seepa were seen by the witnesses along with the deceased and while Jaswant Singh had holding the arm of the deceased, Parvinder Singh @ Seepa was injecting something in his arms.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners submit that admittedly Jagmeet Singh, since deceased was an addict and had been consuming drugs since long. However, the prosecution witnesses have now coined a story and falsely involved several persons by assigning them specific roles. They have also relied upon the order dated 21.11.2024 passed by this Court in CRM-M-35430-2024 titled as “Parminder Singh @ Seepa Vs. State of Punjab”, whereby the concession of anticipatory bail has been granted to him. Similarly, Prem co-accused has already been granted the concession of regular bail.

4. A status report by way of an affidavit of Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub Division Malout District Sri Muktsar Sahib has been filed on behalf of respondent-State and the same is taken on record.

5. On the other hand, learned State counsel has vehemently opposed the prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioner(s) on the ground that the serious allegations have been levelled against the petitioners.

6. I have heard the learned counsel for the parties and perused the record carefully.

7. It is not in dispute that Jagmeet Singh, since deceased, was an addict and had died due to overdose of durgs. Whether the petitioners were responsible and had caused the death of Jagmeet Singh is quite debatable, at this stage and the prosecution is yet to lead evidence with regard to their involvement in the crime. Even, Butta Ram @ Boota Ram (petitioner in CRM-M-57305-2024) is stated to be in custody since 19.07.2024, whereas, Jaswant Singh (petitioner in CRM-M-6524-2025) is in custody since 20.06.2024. The challan has already been presented against both of them and there is nothing to show that they are in a position to tamper with the prosecution evidence. Moreover, similarly placed co-accused Prem has been granted the concesssion of regular bail, whereas, Parminder Singh @ Seepa has been granted the concession of anticipatory bail by this Court. Thus, no purpose will be served by keeping the petitioners behind the bars.

8. Without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed. The petitioners are ordered to be released on bail pending trial on their furnishing bail bonds and surety to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court/ Duty Magistrate/Chief Judicial Magistrate.

(N.S.SHEKHAWAT)
JUDGE

13.02.2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No