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IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATES OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-56245-2025 (O&M)
Reserved on : 07.11.2025
Pronounced on : 18.11.2025

Karan @ Karan Singh **...Petitioner**

Versus

State of Punjab **...Respondent**

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present:- Mr. Gagandeep Singh Simble, Advocate
for the applicant-petitioner.

Mr. Roshandeep Singh, AAG, Punab.

MANISHA BATRA, J.

1. This petition has been filed by the petitioner under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking regular bail in case bearing FIR No. 136 dated 23.10.2024 registered under Sections 109, 111, 308(4), 111(5) and 112 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 *(for short 'BNS')* and Sections 25 and 27 of Arms Act, 1959 at Police Station Dera Baba Nanak, Police District Batala, District Gurdaspur.

2. As per the allegations, on the evening of 23.10.2024, complainant Randeep Singh Bedi, who runs a medical shop, was present there along with his assistant Akash, when a person came outside his shop and asked him to come outside. When the complainant came at the door of the shop, the said person took out a pistol from his pocket and fired a shot at him, which hit on his left thigh. He raised clamour and rushed inside the shop to save himself. His brother Harpreet Singh incidentally came to the spot at that time and then

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the assailant fled away. Suspecting that attack upon him had been made in a conspiracy hatched by an organized criminal gang, who demanded ransom, he prayed for taking action in the matter. After registration of the FIR, investigation proceedings were initiated. During investigation, a secret information was received to the effect that accused Jobanpreet Singh @ Joban was the person, who had made an attempt to kill the complainant. Offence under Section 111(5) of BNS was added. During investigation, supplementary statement of the complainant was recorded, on the basis of which, accused Swaran Singh and Harjinder Kaur were nominated as accused. Then, on the basis of a secret information, accused Anmol Singh, Kawaljit Singh, Manjit Kaur, Paramjit Kaur and Balbir Singh were also nominated as additional accused. Some of the accused persons were arrested and in pursuance of their disclosure statements, other accused were nominated.

3. As per the further allegations, on the basis of a secret information, the present petitioner was nominated as such and a DDR No. 49 dated 21.02.2025 was registered. He was arrested on the same day. A mobile phone was recovered from him. It has come on record during investigation that the complainant had received a Whatsapp call from some foreign phone number and the caller identified himself as ‘Jeewan Fauji’. He made an extortion demand from the complainant. It was also found that accused Jobanpreet Singh @ Joban had fired shot at the complainant on the instructions of said Jeewan Fauji. The secret information received against the petitioner was to the effect that he had accompanied accused Jobanpreet Singh

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@ Joban at the time of occurrence. Investigation qua the petitioner stands completed.

4. It is argued by learned counsel for the petitioner that he has been falsely implicated in this case only due to being friend of co-accused Jobanpreet Singh @ Joban. He is in custody since 21.02.2025. *Challan* stands presented. Trial is likely to take time to conclude. He does not have criminal antecedents. Co-accused Lakhandeep Singh @ Warris, Ravi Masih @ Ravi, Rajdeep Singh @ Raja, Navtej Singh, Amritpal Singh @ Amrik @ Ambi, Kamaljeet Singh @ Kamal, Baljit Singh, Balbir Singh @ Balvir Singh and Manjit Kaur, who are similarly situated with the present petitioner, have been extended benefit of regular/anticipatory bail. On parity, he too deserves to be released on bail. Therefore, it is urged that the petition deserves to be allowed.

5. Status report has been filed by the respondent-State. Learned State counsel has argued that there are serious allegations against the petitioner who accompanied and harboured the co-accused Jobanpreet Singh, who being a member of organized gang, made an attempt to kill the complainant by firing a shot with a firearm upon him with intention to extort money from him. There are chances of petitioner's intimidating the witnesses or absconding, if extended benefit of bail. Therefore, it is urged that she does not deserve to be released on bail.

6. This Court has heard the rival submissions.

7. The petitioner is alleged to have accompanied and harboured the co-accused Jobanpreet Singh, who had made an attempt to kill the complainant by firing a shot upon him. He is in custody since 21.02.2025.

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Trial is likely to take time. Above mentioned co-accused have been granted concession of regular/anticipatory bail by this Court. No useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner in custody anymore. Keeping in view the nature of allegations as levelled against the petitioner, the period of his incarceration, the fact that he does not have any criminal antecedents coupled with the fact that the trial would take time as well as the co-accused have already been granted concession of bail, this Court is of the considered opinion that he deserves to be released on bail. Accordingly, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail subject to his furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate concerned.

8. It is made clear that any observation made herein above is only for the purpose of deciding the present petition and the same shall have no bearing on the merits of the case.

18.11.2025 **(MANISHA BATRA)**
Waseem Ansari **JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned *Yes/No*

Whether reportable *Yes/No*

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