



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-59327-2025 (O&M)

Date of decision: 09.12.2025

Beant Singh @ Raja

...Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

State of Punjab

...Respondent(s)

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present :- Mr. Abhaysher Singh, Advocate for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Mohit Kapoor, Sr. DAG Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

CRM-49757-2025

Application is allowed as prayed for subject to all just exceptions. Correct translated copy of FIR bearing No.03 dated 08.01.2024 (Annexure P-4) and G.D. bearing No.20 dated 09.01.2024 (Annexure P-5) are taken on record. Registry is directed to do the needful.

Main case:

1. The instant petition has been filed for grant of regular bail to the petitioner(s) in case bearing FIR No.03 dated 08.01.2024, registered under Section(s) 302/34 (Section 120-B added later on vide GD No.22 dated 09.01.2024) of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 at Police Station Sadar Sri Muktsar Sahib, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.
2. The FIR in the present case was registered on the statement of Veerpal Kaur. The relevant extract thereof reads thus:-



“Statement of Virpal Kaur wife of Sohan Singh, son of Kikkar Singh, resident of Ladhuwala, Police Station Vairoke, District Fazlika, age about 45 years, Mob: No. 84378-59114, stated that I am resident of the above address and is a housewife. I have three sons, elder one is Ramandeep Singh, younger to him are Harjit Singh and Hardeep Singh, and all three of them are truck drivers. My husband Sohan Singh is about 60 years old and used to do domestic work. My husband Sohan Singh's maternal aunt Gurmeet Kaur wife of Amrik Singh, is resident of village Chak Badhai Borian Wali Basti, District Sri Muktsar Sahib. She lives with her daughter Sukhwinder Kaur wife of Balvir Singh in Village Chak Badhai Borian Wali Basti. My husband Sohan Singh used to visit village Chak Badhai Borian Wali Basti to meet his maternal aunt Gurmeet Kaur who used to remain unwell. On 07.01.2024 at around 7:00 pm, my husband Sohan Singh left from the house on his old bicycle and went to Chak Badhai Borian Wali Basti to meet his maternal aunt Gurmeet Kaur. When my husband did not returned to home, then, I and my son Hardeep Singh, who had just come home, then I, my daughter-in-law Amandeep Kaur wife of Harjit Singh and my son Hardeep Singh, all three of us were going from our village Ladhuwala, District Fazlika, to the village of Chak Bara Boria Wali Basti on our motorcycle to look for my husband, time around 11.00



PM. When we reached on the link road of GT Road, leading from Sri Muktsar Sahib to Jalalabad, we saw the gathering of people on the link road. We stopped the motorcycle and went to the field. We saw dead body. When we went closer and saw the body, it was my husband Sohan Singh, who had suffered a sharp injury on his face and a very deep wound under his left ear. My husband Sohan Singh was killed by some unknown persons with sharp edged weapons. Search of the murderers of my husband Sohan Singh be conducted and legal action be taken against them in the interest of justice.”

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was nominated as an accused only at a later stage on the basis of a supplementary statement of the complainant recorded on 09.01.2024, wherein the petitioner and Sukhwinder Kaur (niece of the deceased), wife of Beant Singh, were named without assigning any cogent reason or motive for their alleged involvement. It is contended that the petitioner has been in custody since 09.01.2024 and has undergone an actual custody of 1 year, 10 months, and 30 days. Counsel further argues that although as per the case of the prosecution, a *gandasi* and a mobile phone were recovered pursuant to the petitioner's disclosure statement, no material has been placed on record to connect such recovery with the commission of the alleged offence. The FSL report concerning the *gandasi* is still awaited. The motive of having an alleged illicit relationship between the petitioner and Sukhwinder Kaur has also not been established by the prosecution. It is submitted that the case is



one of blind murder and that the petitioner has been implicated without any substantive or incriminating evidence linking him to the occurrence. He further submits that the petitioner is not involved in any other criminal case and out of 28 prosecution witnesses, only 6 have been examined so far and the trial is likely to take considerable time to conclude.

4. Learned State counsel, on the other hand, contends that a *gandasi* was recovered pursuant to the petitioner's disclosure statement and that the said weapon was found to be blood-stained. However, he fairly concedes that the FSL report pertaining to the *gandasi* has not yet been received, despite the fact that the case has been pending for more than one year and ten months. Learned State counsel is unable to offer any explanation for this delay. He is also not in a position to dispute the fact that the petitioner is not involved in any other criminal case. He, however, submits that 06 witnesses have been examined and 02 witnesses have been given, hence, 08 witnesses out of 28 have already been examined.

5. Taking into consideration the submissions noted above, the period of actual custody already undergone by the petitioner, his clean antecedents and the present stage of the trial and further bearing in mind that the conclusion of the trial is likely to take considerable time, I deem it fit to allow the instant petition.

6. Accordingly, the instant petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be admitted to regular bail subject to his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Illaq Magistrate concerned.



7. It is made clear that the petitioner shall not extend any threat and shall not influence any prosecution witness in any manner directly or indirectly.
8. The observation made hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression on the merits of the case and the trial Court shall decide the case on the basis of available material.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

09.12.2025
Mangal Singh

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