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

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Date of decision: 27.11.2025

**GURMEET SINGH ALIAS BABBA****....Petitioner****Versus****STATE OF PUNJAB****...Respondent****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR**

Present : Mr. D.S. Saini, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Gorav Kathuria, DAG Punjab.

**YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR. J.(Oral)**

1. Present petition under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 has been filed for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.214 dated 21.11.2024, under Sections 103, 103(1), 3(5) of BNS, 2023, registered at Police Station Tarn Taran, District Tarn Taran.
2. Status report dated 26.11.2025 by way of affidavit of Atul Soni, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub Division Khadur Sahib, Camp at Goindwal Sahib, District Tarn Taran has been filed on behalf of respondent-State and the same is taken on record.
3. Brief facts of the prosecution case are that on 21.11.2024, one person namely Supreme Singh got recorded his statement before the police to the effect that on 21.11.2024, at about 7:00 am, he went to his fields, where he saw one dead body lying on the link road of his drain. The throat of the victim had been cut with some sharp weapon and he informed the Sarpanch namely Gurjeet Singh in this regard, who reached the spot and he sought legal action against the accused. On the basis of his statement, formal FIR was registered. The police reached the spot

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and recovered one Kirch from the place of occurrence. Thereafter, one Avtar Singh got recorded his statement before the Investigating Officer to the effect that his son Surjit Singh use to work as an electrician in Mata Kola Welfare Center. He had gone out of his house on foot on 20.11.2024, at about 7:30 am and had not returned during the night. On 21.11.2024, when he came to the police station to report about his disappearance, they were informed that one dead body has been recovered in village Pididi, in the area of Police Station Sadar District Tarn Taran and after watching the video recording of the dead body, he identified the same to be of his son and he sought action against the accused. During investigation, Gurmeet Singh (petitioner) and co-accused Jaspal Singh and Manpreet Kaur were arrested on 23.11.2024. Manpreet Kaur, suffered disclose statement to the effect that one Jaspal Singh had close friendship with her husband Surjit Singh, who use to have bad opinion about him. She was having illicit relations with said Jaspal Singh and she used to go out of home with him and her husband Surjit Singh started suspecting her. Thereafter, she alongwith Jaspal Singh hatched a conspiracy to kill her husband Surjit Singh. On the intervening night of 20/21.11.2024, her husband Surjit Singh, Jaspal Singh and one Gurmeet Singh consumed alcohol at a hotel and took dinner. Her husband had become drunk and was not in full senses and from Tarn Taran, they went near village Paddi, where she and Gurmeet Singh caught hold of arms of her husband-Surjit Singh and Jaspal Singh caused injuries to him, resulting in his death. Thereafter, accused got recovered one Innova car used in committing the crime. After completion of investigation, final report has been presented for trial.

4. I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner as well as learned State



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counsel and have gone through the record.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioner contended that present case is based upon circumstantial evidence. No one had seen the occurrence taking place or seen the deceased going in the company of petitioner. Petitioner has been nominated as an accused in the disclosure statement of co-accused namely Manpreet Kaur, which is not admissible in evidence. Nothing has been recovered from the possession of petitioner. Now, the father of the deceased has already been examined during the trial as PW2, wherein he has categorically stated that he does not know Gurmeet Singh (petitioner) and he has never met him. Learned counsel further contended that the disclosure statement of co-accused is not admissible in evidence and cannot be used against him. Petitioner is in custody since 23.11.2024. Learned counsel next contended that the trial is likely to take a long time to conclude and further detention of the petitioner is not required and he may be released on bail.

6. On the other hand, learned State Counsel has opposed the bail and argued that in view of the gravity of the offence, petitioner does not deserve the concession of bail.

7. No one had seen the occurrence taking place and no one had also seen the deceased accompanying the petitioner. The FIR was registered against unknown persons and present petitioner has been nominated as an accused in the disclosure statement suffered by co-accused Manpreet Kaur, who is wife of the deceased, who was allegedly having illicit relations with accused Jaspal Singh. As to how much evidentiary value will be attached to the disclosure statement of the co-accused- Manpreet Kaur as well as petitioner's own disclosure statement shall



be the moot question during trial. No incriminating substance too has been recovered from the petitioner to connect him with the alleged offence. There are also no call details between the petitioner and the remaining co-accused. Petitioner is in custody since 23.11.2024. Trial is likely to take a long time to conclude and further detention of the petitioner is thus not required and he deserves to be released on bail.

8. Having regard to the aforesaid factual position, but without commenting anything upon the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned Trial Court concerned, on usual terms and conditions.

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(YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR)  
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned. : Yes/No  
Whether Reportable. : Yes/No