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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Decided on: 21.04.2026

1. CRA-S-201-2026 (O&M)

DEVENDER

.....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA AND ANOTHER

.....Respondents

2. CRA-S-543-2026 (O&M)

PANKAJ

.....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA AND ANOTHER

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUBHAS MEHLA

Present: Mr. Kartik Khicher, Advocate
for the appellant (in CRA-S-201-2026).

Mr. Rahul, Advocate
for the appellant (in CRA-S-543-2026).

Mr. Karan Veer Singh, Sr. DAG, Haryana.

Mr. Pradeep Bhukal, Advocate for the complainant.

SUBHAS MEHLA, J. (Oral)

CRM-12673-2026

The present application has been filed seeking preponement
of the main case i.e. CRA-S-201-2026, which is fixed for hearing on
01.04.2026.



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Since the date stands lapsed, the present application is rendered infructuous.

Accordingly, the present application is dismissed, as having been rendered infructuous.

CRM-12674-2026

Allowed as prayed for and Annexure P-2 is taken on record, subject to all just exceptions.

CRM-7469-2026

Allowed as prayed for.

Main case(s)

1. By way of common order, two appeals arising out of same FIR are being adjudicated which have been filed under Section 14-A of the SC/ ST Act, against impugned order dated 23.12.2025 passed by learned Additional Sessions Judge Hisar whereby regular bail to the appellant(s) was dismissed in case bearing FIR No.246 dated 16.10.2025 under Sections 110, 115, 190, 191(3), 324(4), 333 and 351(2) of BNS, 2023 and Section 3(2)(VA) of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 (Amendment 2015) registered at Police Station Uklana District Hisar.

2. Brief facts of the case are that the instant FIR was registered on the statement of injured Vijay wherein he alleged that on 15.10.2025, at around 11.00 p.m, he, Sagar and Badal were going to leave his maternal aunt's (bua's) son Rakesh at his house. On seeing Sonu



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urinating towards the house of Rakesh, they objected to the same and an altercation took place between them. Thereafter, Sonu went away from the spot and all of them went inside Rakesh's house. After sometime, Sonu alongwith Pankaj and 3-4 other persons entered into their house armed with *dandas*. Sonu and Pankaj (the present appellant) were alleged to have inflicted *danda* blows upon the head of injured Vijay and other persons inflicted *danda* blows on his hands and back. Pankaj (the present appellant) also inflicted *danda* blows on the head and right thumb of Sagar. The other three persons also caused injuries to the head of Badal. They also damaged their two motorcycles parked in the street and after hurling casteist abuses, the assailants fled away from the spot.

3. Learned counsel for the appellant(s) contended that the appellants have been falsely implicated in the present case; the main accused namely Sohan @ Sonu has already been granted the concession of regular bail vide order dated 13.02.2026 passed by this Court (Annexure P-2); the injuries caused to the injured are simple in nature; the appellants have been in custody since 17.10.2025; investigation in the present case has been completed and challan stands presented, therefore, no fruitful purpose would be served by keeping the appellants behind the bars; trial will take sufficient time to conclude and as such, prays for concession of regular bail.

4. Notice of motion.



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5. Mr. Karan Veer Singh, Sr. DAG, Haryana, who is present in Court, accepted notice on behalf of respondent-State, and opposed the concession of regular bail to the petitioner while submitting that the appellants entered into the house of the complainant and caused injuries to the complainant-party and passed casteist remarks to them. He, however, fairly admits that investigation in the present case is complete & challan stands presented before the trial Court; the injuries caused in the present case are simple in nature. It is also submitted that the appellant-Devender is not involved in any other case, however, the appellant-Pankaj was involved in one more case but he has been acquitted in that case on 13.11.2024.

6. Mr. Pradeep Bhukal, Advocate has filed *Vakalatnama* on behalf of complainant (in both the cases) in Court today which is taken on record and opposed the prayer for grant of regular bail to the appellants.

7. Heard.

8. Taking into consideration the facts & circumstances of the present case and the contentions raised by learned counsel for the parties, the fact that the appellants are in custody since 17.10.2025; the injuries caused to the complainant are simple in nature; the main co-accused namely Sohan @ Sonu has already been granted the concession of regular bail vide order dated 13.02.2026 passed by this Court (Annexure P-2); investigation is complete & challan stands presented; trial will take



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sufficient time to conclude and no fruitful purpose would be served by keeping them in custody for any further period, as concession of bail cannot be denied just as a measure of punishment as culpability is to be decided by trial Court after appreciating evidence adduced by the parties, and it is a trite principle of criminal jurisprudence that bail is rule, jail is an exception, this Court deems it a fit case to grant the concession of regular bail to the appellants.

9. Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the instant appeal is **allowed**. The appellants are ordered to be released on regular bail on their furnishing requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Chief Judicial Magistrate concerned.

10. Nothing observed herein shall be construed as an opinion on the merits of the main case.

11. Photocopy of this order be placed on the file of the connected case.

(SUBHAS MEHLA)
JUDGE

21.04.2026
Sonia Puri

Whether Speaking/Reasoned: YES/NO
Whether Reportable: YES/NO