

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

2026:PHHC:034310



CRM-M-4789-2026 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 06.03.2026

VINOD **... PETITIONER**
STATE OF HARYANA **VERSUS** **... RESPONDENT**

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.S.GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Sahil Choudhary, Advocate for the petitioner.

H.S. GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner is seeking regular bail under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) in FIR No.520 dated 19.09.2024, registered under Section 103(1), 127(2), 238(A) & 61 of BNS at Police Station Old Industrial, Panipat, District Panipat.

2. The case of the prosecution is that complainant, namely, Ramphal, submitted a written complaint on 19.09.2024 to the SHO, Police Station Old Industrial Area, Panipat, stating that on 15.09.2024, his son Sandeep left home without informing any family member. He further stated that on 18.09.2024, he came to know that at about 11:00 p.m., his son Sandeep had gone to meet his friend Annu, wife of Sunil, on his motorcycle bearing registration No. HR-42J-1546 (Splendor) and did not return thereafter.

3. During the course of investigation, on 19.09.2024, one Satish, an employee of the Irrigation Department, informed the police that while he and another employee Sahil were cleaning a minor canal and had placed a net in the drain, they found a dead body tied and packed in a bag. Upon receiving the information, the police reached the spot and took the body into

custody. Subsequently, the complainant Ramphal identified the deceased as that of his son Sandeep @ Bhonda. It is further the case of the prosecution that co-accused Annu was having love affair with the deceased and later on, she along with her husband Sunil, Deepak @ Golu and the petitioner had hatched conspiracy to commit the murder of deceased, hit him with weapons and after his death has thrown his body in the canal. It is alleged that a wooden danda was recovered from the petitioner which was used in the commission of crime.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is innocent and has been implicated falsely in the present case. There are no injury marks on the dead body. Deepak @ Golu, co-accused has already been granted bail by this Court vide order dated 08.01.2026 passed in CRM-M-72078-2025. Moreover, the eye-witnesses namely Rajesh and Parveen who appeared as PW1 and PW2 have not supported the case of the prosecution and have turned hostile. The petitioner is in custody for the last 01 year 03 months and 11 days and he is not involved in any other case.

4. Notice of motion.

5. Mr. Rakesh Kumar Jangra, A.A.G., Haryana accepts notice on behalf of the State and vehemently opposes the prayer for grant of regular bail to the petitioner on the ground of gravity of allegations. Learned State counsel has filed the custody certificate in Court, which is taken on record. As per the custody certificate, the petitioner is in custody for the last 01 year 03 months and 11 days.

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

7. After hearing the rival contentions of the learned counsel for the

parties and keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the case that there are no injury marks on the dead body; the cause of death could not be ascertained as the viscera report from the post-mortem report is still awaited; the co-accused has already been granted bail by this Court; the eye-witnesses have not supported the case of the prosecution; the petitioner is in custody for the last 01 year 03 months and 11 days; the conclusion of trial is likely to take a long time and continuous detention of the petitioner would not serve the ends of justice, this Court deems it fit to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioner during the pendency of the trial.

8. Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing requisite bail bonds, surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Chief Judicial Magistrate concerned.

9. It is clarified that while on bail so granted through the instant order, in case the petitioner is found indulging in any other criminal case, it shall be open to the State to seek cancellation of his bail.

06.03.2026

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(H.S.GREWAL)
JUDGE

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