



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

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CRM-M-5467-2026.

Date of Decision: 08.04.2026.

Dharampreet Singh @ Preet

....Petitioner.

VERSUS

State of Punjab

....Respondent.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Abhaysher Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Vinay Malhotra, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (Oral)

Petitioner-Dharampreet Singh @ Preet, aged 23 years, has filed the present petition under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023, seeking regular bail in case FIR No.37 dated 06.03.2023 under Sections 307, 148 and 149 IPC (Section 120-B IPC and Sections 25 and 27 of Arms Act added later on), registered at Police Station Focal Point, District Ludhiana.

2. Complainant-Naresh Kumar got the instant FIR registered, which reads as under:-

“xxx xxx that I am resident of the above mentioned address. I am working as driver in Metro Tyre factory, Unit 2, Phase 4 Focal Point Ludhiana I have two children, the elder one is Nikhil Kumar who is aged about 18 years and younger to him is Ashu aged about 17 years. My son Nikhil Kumar studies in 12th standard in Bharat Sewak School, Moti Nagar, Ludhiana. That yesterday dated 05.03.2023 at about 9.30 PM after finishing

my duty, I had gone to the house. then my elder son Nikhil Kumar was not present in the house. I enquired about the same from my wife and she told that Nikhil had gone to eat burger with his friend Balraj, Divanshu and Jasmeet Singh. Then my wife called Nikhil on his mobile phone no. 9876962184 from her mobile no. 7973424818 that son when are you coming home, then Nikhil says that I am at Kuhara and I will be reaching within a period of 10-15 minutes. When my son Nikhil did not come home after 10-15 minutes. Then I along with my wife went to Kuhara to search my son when we reached Jandiali at 10.40 PM, then 5-6 cars were going in a high speed from Kuhara to Ludhiana side, suddenly there was sound of fire. Then I along with my wife reached at the spot and saw that there were young boys in all the cars and in one car no. PB 01 B 6199 make i10 grand, my son Nikhil and his friend Parry and other boys were sitting and behind these cars one car bearing no. PB 10 FD 3 6080 make i20, white color, Akashdeep alias Sanju and Anmol Singh son of Jasbir Singh resident of Village Katani Khurd, Ludhiana and Gurwinder Singh alias Guri son of Baldev Singh resident of Mundian Khurd, Ludhiana were sitting. Along with them, there were two more cars i.e. Swift color white, Verna color white, whose number could not be ascertained. In the above said cars someone fired on my son Nikhil with the intention to kill him. That fire hit on the left side of the head of my son Nikhil. Thereafter, they ran away from the spot along with driver and accomplice in car bearing no. PB 10 FD 6088 make 120, white color Swift, white color Verna. Thereafter, the friends of my son Divanshu etc by taking my son in car bearing no. PB 01 B 6199 make i10 grand and got him admitted at Fortis Hospital, Chandigarh Road, Ludhiana. I also came to Fortis Hospital along with my wife. My son Nikhil is under treatment at Fortis Hospital. Legal action be taken against the said persons who fired with the intention to killing my son. I have got recorded my statement, heard and the same is correct.”

3. As per case of the prosecution, initially, there were three accused namely (i) Akashdeep @ Sanju, (ii) Anmol Singh, and (iii) Gurwinder Singh @ Guri.

Subsequent thereto, six more accused were added in the case namely (iv) Dharampreet Singh @ Preet (petitioner herein), (v) Balbir Singh, (vi) Lovepreet Singh, (vii) Gursimranpreet Singh Garcha, (viii) Ashu, and (ix) Manjit Kaur.

The shot allegedly were fired upon injured-Nikhil Kumar (son of the complainant) by co-accused Gurwinder Singh @ Guri and also by Lovepreet Singh.

During the course of hearing, learned State counsel with the assistance of ASI Kapil Kumar further submits that the pistol used in the crime was a licensed weapon in the name of co-accused Manjit Kaur and said pistol was firstly used by co-accused Amanpreet Singh @ Ashu and then another accused Gurwinder Singh @ Guri for causing injury to Nikhil Kumar. While elaborating the role of present petitioner-Dharampreet Singh @ Preet, learned State counsel informs that the car used in the crime was arranged by him for the accused to reach on spot of incident. No other role could be elaborated during the course of hearing having been actively played by the petitioner. Co-accused Gursimranpreet Singh Garcha has already been granted bail by this Court, vide order dated 27.05.2025 (Annexure P-4) passed in CRM-M-14138-2025. Another co-accused Amanpreet Singh @ Ashu has also been extended the benefit of bail by this Court, vide order dated 25.02.2025 (Annexure P-5) passed in CRM-M-6797-2025. The petitioner is stated to be inside jail since 28.04.2025 i.e. for the last about 11 months and 10 days. No other case is reported to be there against the petitioner, who is a

young boy of the age of 23 years.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and gone through the record.

6. Considering the afore-mentioned facts and circumstances of the case, as petitioner is inside jail since 28.04.2025 and conclusion of trial of the case is likely to take considerable time, petitioner deserves to be extended the concession of bail. Accordingly, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, **present petition is allowed.** Petitioner is ordered to be released on bail, subject to his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/ Chief Judicial Magistrate/Illaqa Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate concerned, if not required in any other case.

7. Any of the discussion done and recorded hereabove, shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the facts of the case. Therefore, trial Court is expected to decide the case by taking an independent view, on the basis of evidence available on record, as expeditiously as possible in accordance with law.

8. It is further made clear that if, in future, the petitioner is found to be directly involved in similar activities, the prosecution would be at liberty to seek cancellation of bail.

9. **Petition stands disposed of.**

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

08.04.2026

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