



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH
(209)

CRM-M-5316-2026 (O & M)
Date of decision:14.05.2026

Tarlochan Singh @ Kochi

.... Petitioner

V/s

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASJIT SINGH BEDI

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

Mr. Harkanwar Jeet Singh, AAG, Punjab.

JASJIT SINGH BEDI, J. (Oral)

The prayer in the present petition under Section 483 BNSS is for the grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.136 dated 27.07.2025 under Sections 103(1)/3(5) of BNS (challan presented under Section 108 of BNS, 2023) registered at Police Station Sardulgarh, District Mansa, Punjab.

2. The present FIR came to be registered at the instance of Lakhwinder Singh and reads as under:-

Copy of statement, "Statement of Lakhwinder Singh son of Ram Singh son of Nanak Chand resident of Roorki, age about 35 years, mobile number 70872-58834, stated that I am a resident of the above address and am a laborer. I was married to Saroj Rani daughter of Mahvir Singh resident of Khera about 15 years ago. Two children were born from our relationship. The elder son Raja Singh is about 13 years old and the younger son Jasan is about 11 years old. My elder son Raja Singh was



studying in 7th class at Government Secondary School (Boys) Sardulgarh. Yesterday on 26.07.2025 at 06:00 in the evening, I was present at my house when Tarlochan Singh alias Kochi son of Ram Singh and Teja Singh son of Nazar Singh resident of Roorki came to our house to complain that my son Raja Singh has stolen their pigeons, which we will see. At that time, my son Raja Singh was not present at home. On which I started searching for my son Raja Singh but I could not find him even after searching. On which I along with my relatives searched my son Raja Singh, on the intervening night of 26-27/07/2025 at around 12:30 am, my son Raja Singh was hanging to a branch tree near the fence built outside our village, with his feet touching the ground. When I went to him and checked him thoroughly, he was hanging to a branch tree with a rubber band around his neck, and he had died. I took the body of my son Raja Singh down from the branch tree and brought it to my house. After that, we arranged for a ride for Raja Singh's body and admitted it to mortuary at the Government Hospital, Sardulgarh. We have been investigating till now and we are completely sure that my son Raja Singh was Tarlochan Singh alias Kochi, Teja Singh and Kala Singh son of Tarlochan Singh resident of Roorki have strangled and hanged my son to a tree. The reason is that they suspected that my son Raja Singh had stolen their pigeons. Appropriate legal action should be taken against them and justice should be given to us. You have written a statement, I have heard it, it is correct. LTI Lakhwinder Singh, today you have recorded the statement of Lakhwinder Singh in my presence, word by word. I confirm the statement. Jasvir Singh alias Bira son of Ram Singh resident of Roorki 62838-44856 True Jasvir Singh, verification true/ Bikramjit Singh INSP Chief Officer Police Station Sardulgarh Date 27.07.2025.



3. The learned counsel for the petitioner contends that, though, the FIR was registered under Section 302 IPC (Section 103(1) BNS), the report under Section 173(2) Cr.P.C. (Section 193(2) BNSS) has been filed only under Section 306 IPC (Section 108 BNS). There is no evidence that the petitioner abetted the suicide of the deceased and the allegations are only to the effect that the petitioner and Teja Singh had complained to the complainant regarding theft of their pigeons. As the petitioner is in custody since 27.07.2025 but none of the 30 prosecution witnesses has been examined so far, the Trial of the present case is not likely to be concluded anytime soon and therefore, he is entitled to the concession of bail.

4. The learned counsel for the State, on the other hand, has filed a status report dated 13.05.2026 which is taken on record. While referring to the said report, he contends that the allegations against the petitioner are grave inasmuch as on account of the complaint lodged by the complainant, the son of the complainant, namely Raja Singh has committed suicide. Therefore, the petitioner is not entitled to the concession of bail as prayed for. He, however, concedes that the petitioner is in custody since 27.07.2025 and that none of the 30 prosecution witnesses has been examined so far.

5. I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

6. The veracity of the prosecution case against the petitioner shall be adjudicated upon during the course of the Trial. Admittedly, the petitioner is in custody since 27.07.2025 but none of the 30 prosecution witnesses has been examined so far. Therefore, the Trial in the present case



is not likely to be concluded anytime soon. In this situation, the further incarceration of the petitioner is not required.

7. Thus, without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner, namely, Tarlochan Singh alias Kochi ordered to be released on bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned CJM/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

8. This petition stands disposed of.

9. The pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of accordingly.

May 14, 2026
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(JASJIT SINGH BEDI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

: Yes/No

Whether reportable

: Yes/No