



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-5783-2026 (O&M)

Date of decision: 06.02.2026

Jaskarandeep Singh @ Karan

...Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

State of Punjab

...Respondent(s)

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present :- Mr. Gurnoor Singh Sethi, Advocate for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Mohit Kapoor, Sr. DAG Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

1. This first petition has been filed for grant of regular bail to the petitioner(s) in case bearing FIR No.48 dated 30.08.2025, registered under Section(s) 25 of the Arms Act, 1959, and Section 61(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Sections 3, 4 and 5 of the Explosive Substances Act, 1908 at Police Station State Special Operations Cell (SSOC), Amritsar (Intelligence Wing CID).

2. FIR in the present case was registered on the basis of a secret information received by Inspector Amandeep Singh on 30.08.2025. The same reads thus :-

“xxxxxxxxx Today myself Inspector was present at police station that special informer by appearing informed that sitting in abroad gangster namely Nishan Singh son of Avtar Singh resident of Jodiyan Kalan Police Station Dera Baba

Nanak District Gurdaspur now resident of U.K. and Shamsher Singh alias Shera Mann alias Honey son of Harbir Singh resident of Village Maan, Dera Baba Nanak District Gurdaspur now resident of Armenia, who are wanted in criminal proceedings in Punjab. Special informer further informed that above said persons in connivance with their friends namely Sarwan Kumar son of Tilak Raj resident of Malhian Police Station Behrampur District Gurdaspur and Balwinder son of Somraj resident of Jakrian Police Station Dinanagar District Gurdaspur and other unknown friends have formed a group and Nishan Singh and Shamsher Singh alias Shera while living abroad through their close friends sitting in Pakistan through Indo-Pak border have supplied a consignment of arms, ammunition and explosives to their friends Sarwan Kumar and Balwinder. Special informer further informed that today above said Sarwan Kumar and Balwinder while taking the weapons and explosives are moving near Adda Mudhal, Batala-Amritsar road for conducting some criminal activity. If search operation may be conducted in the area with a planned manner, then Sarwan Kumar and Balwinder can be restrained from conducting some big criminal activity by apprehending them alongwith the illegal weapons and explosives. That the received information is true and reliable for proceeding, which immediately conveyed into the notice of senior officials. Commission of offence under Section 25 Arms Act, 61(2) BNS,

3,4,5 Explosive Substances Act is found from the information received. Therefore, ruqa by writing for registration of FIR is sent by hand of Senior Constable Jagjit Singh 5/447. FIR may be registered.”.

3. It is contended that consequent upon registration of the FIR, two persons namely Sarwan Kumar and Balwinder were apprehended by the Police and one Pistol alongwith one hand grenade each was recovered from them. Counsel for the petitioner contends that during the course of investigation, disclosure of Balwinder was recorded wherein he alleged that he had procured the weapons from Jaskarandeep Singh @ Karan (petitioner herein), whereupon the latter was taken in custody on 10.09.2025. It is submitted that no recovery of any nature whatsoever has been effected from the petitioner or at his disclosure from any other person. It is submitted that disclosure was recorded only to the effect that two persons, namely Shamsher Singh @ Shera Maan @ Honey (resident of Armenia) and Nishan Singh (resident of U.K.) are the king pins in the entire episode. He contends that there is no evidence which establishes the link of the petitioner with Shamsher Singh @ Shera Maan @ Honey and Nishan Singh. It is submitted that the trial is yet to commence and 14 witnesses are also to be examined. He contends that the petitioner does not suffer any criminal antecedents.

4. Learned counsel for respondent-State does not dispute the facts as stated above, however, he contends that the disclosure of co-accused Balwinder, from whom recovery had been effected, implicates the petitioner as supplier of the arms and ammunition to create unrest in the State of Punjab.

5. I have heard the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respective parties and have gone through the documents appended with the instant petition with their able assistance.

6. Taking into consideration the nature of allegations levelled against the petitioner which are based on disclosure of the co-accused, absence of recovery from the petitioner, the period of actual custody already undergone by the petitioner coupled with the fact that the trial is yet to commence as well as clean antecedents of the petitioner and bearing in mind that the conclusion of the trial is likely to take a long time, I deem it fit to allow the instant petition.

7. Accordingly, the instant petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be admitted to regular bail subject to his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Illaq Magistrate concerned.

8. It is made clear that the petitioner shall not extend any threat and shall not influence any prosecution witness in any manner directly or indirectly.

9. The observation made hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression on the merits of the case and the trial Court shall decide the case on the basis of available material.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

06.02.2026

Mangal Singh

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