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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH
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Narinder Puri

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

Date of Decision: March 19, 2026**Date of Uploading: March 19, 2026****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL****Present:-** Mr. Karanjeet Singh Brar, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Hemant Aggarwal, DAG Punjab.

***********SUMEET GOEL, J. (ORAL)**

Present petition has been filed under Section 483 of the BNSS, 2023 seeking grant of regular bail to the petitioner, in case bearing FIR No.14 dated 14.01.2025, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 103(2), 61(2), 3(5) of the BNS, 2023, at Police Station Sohana, District SAS Nagar, Mohali.

2. The gravamen of the allegations against the petitioner is that complainant, namely, Rampal Puri, alleged that on 13.01.2025, Narinder Puri (*petitioner herein*), Prajlav @ Pajju, Jaswinder Puri @ Ghati, Ex-Sarpanch Inderjit Gir, and Sachin Gir came in front of the complainant's house and initiated a scuffle. During the incident, Inderjit Gir and Sachin Gir caught hold of the complainant's brother, Baljit Puri, while Prajlav @ Pajju, Jaswinder Puri @ Ghati, and Narinder Puri (*petitioner herein*) inflicted fist

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blows on his chest. The injured Baljit Puri was immediately taken to GMCH-32, Chandigarh for medical treatment, where he was declared dead by the attending doctor.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner has iterated that the petitioner is in custody since 14.01.2025. Learned counsel has further argued that the petitioner has been falsely implicated into the FIR in question. Learned counsel has further submitted that assuming *arguendo*, the prosecution version is taken to be correct, the petitioner along with co-accused have been accused of giving few punch blows on the chest of the deceased, which was resulted into his death. Learned counsel, while relying upon the medical report dated 13.09.2025, sent to the Station House Officer concerned by the GMCH, Sector 32, Chandigarh, indicates that the deceased was suffering from severe heart conditions. Learned counsel has argued that the petitioner was not aware of the said medical condition of the deceased. It is further submitted that the petitioner is a man with clean antecedents. Thus, regular bail is prayed for.

4. Learned State counsel has filed status report by way of an affidavit dated 18.03.2026, in the Court today, which is taken on record. Raising submissions in tandem with the said status report, learned State counsel has opposed the present petition by arguing that the allegations raised against the petitioner are serious in nature and, thus, the petitioner does not deserve the concession of the regular bail. Learned State counsel seeks to place on record the custody certificate dated 18.03.2026, in the Court today, which is taken on record.

5. I have heard counsel for the rival parties and have gone through the available records of the case.

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6. The petitioner was arrested on 14.01.2025, whereinafter, investigation was carried out and the challan was presented on 15.04.2025. It is not in dispute before this Court that total 15 prosecution witnesses have been cited, out of which, 05 have been examined till date. It is thus, indubitable, that conclusion of the trial will take long. The rival contentions raised at Bar give rise to debatable issues, which shall be ratiocinated upon during the course of trial. This Court does not deem it appropriate to delve deep into these rival contentions, at this stage, *lest* it may prejudice the trial. Nothing tangible has been brought forward to indicate the likelihood of the petitioner absconding from the process of justice or interfering with the prosecution evidence.

6.1. As per the custody certificate dated 18.03.2026 filed by learned State counsel, the petitioner has already suffered incarceration for a period of 01 year, 01 month and 27 days, & is not shown to be involved in any other FIR(s).

Suffice to say, further detention of the petitioner as an undertrial is not warranted in the factual milieu of the case.

7. In view of above, the present petition is **allowed**. Petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail, if not required in any other case, on his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Ld. concerned CJM/Duty Magistrate. However, in addition to conditions that may be imposed by the concerned CJM/Duty Magistrate, the petitioner shall remain bound by the following conditions:

- (i) The petitioner shall not mis-use the liberty granted.
- (ii) The petitioner shall not tamper with any evidence, oral or documentary, during the trial.
- (iii) The petitioner shall not absent himself on any date before the trial.

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- (iv) The petitioner shall not commit any offence while on bail.
- (v) The petitioner shall deposit his passport, if any, with the trial Court.
- (vi) The petitioner shall give his cell-phone number to the Investigating Officer/SHO of concerned Police Station and shall not change his cell-phone number without prior permission of the trial Court/Illaqa Magistrate.
- (vii) The petitioner shall not in any manner try to delay the trial.

8. In case of breach of any of the aforesaid conditions and those which may be imposed by concerned CJM/Duty Magistrate as directed hereinabove or upon showing any other sufficient cause, the State/complainant shall be at liberty to move cancellation of bail of the petitioner.

9. Ordered accordingly.

10. Nothing said hereinabove shall be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

11. Since the main case has been decided, pending miscellaneous application, if any, shall also stands disposed off.

(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

March 19, 2026

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No