



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

(231)

**CRM-M-9721-2026(O&M)
DATE OF DECISION:07.05.2026**

Navjot Singh

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUBHAS MEHLA

Present Mr. Sachin Kumar, Advocate, for
Mr. Vikas Kumar Gupta, Advocate, for the petitioner.
Ms. Navreet Kaur, Asstt. AG, Punjab.

SUBHAS MEHLA, J (ORAL)

1. By way of present petition, the petitioner is seeking regular bail in case bearing FIR No.37 dated 10.04.2025, under Sections 105/238 BNS, 2023, registered at Police Station Sadar Phagwara, District Kapurthala.
2. Brief facts of the case are that the present FIR was registered on the statement of complainant Krishna Devi alleging that her husband Buta Ram had gone for work on 09.04.2025 and later an unknown person informed her through a phone call that her husband had died and his dead body was lying behind a Petrol Pump near Sukhchainana Gurudwara Sahib. The complainant suspected co-villager Navjot Singh @ Manjot @ Jota (present petitioner), alleged to be a drug addict, along with his companions, of causing the death of her husband. On the basis of these allegations, the present FIR was registered against Navjot Singh @ Manjot @ Jota and one unknown person.



3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the present petitioner is in custody for the last 11 months; that investigation has already been completed; that as per the Chemical report, no poisonous substance is detected in the body of the deceased; that no injury is recorded in the postmortem report; that at the best, the case of the prosecution is of death by over-dose of drugs; that present petitioner is having clear antecedents as he is not involved in any other criminal case; that there is no motive for the petitioner to cause death of deceased; that co-accused Amarjit Kumar @ Yoga has already been granted bail by the learned trial Court vide its order dated 22.07.2025, passed in Case No. BA/1640/2025.

4. On the other hand, Ms.Navreet Kaur, Asstt. AG, Punjab, opposes the bail petition by submitting that petitioner is the main accused in the present offence, there are serious allegations against the petitioner as he caused death of the deceased and thereafter disposed his body with aide of his co-accused; that there is a CCTV footage in which the petitioner is seen riding pillion on a motorcycle with the body of the deceased placed between him and the co-accused, who was driving the motorcycle; that dead body of deceased Buta Ram was found from the bushes behind the petrol pump, near Sukhchainana Gurudwara Sahib. Learned State counsel also submits that the charges in the present case have not been framed. Hence, prayed for dismissal of the present petition.

5. Heard.

6. Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the present case and the contentions raised by learned counsel for the parties, as concession of bail cannot be denied just as measure of punishment, as culpability of the



accused will be decided at the final stage by the trial Court after appreciating the evidences adduced by both sides, and it is trite principle of criminal jurisprudence that bail is rule, jail is an exception, this Court deems it a fit case to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioner on the following aspects:

- i. That the petitioner is in custody for the last 11 months;
- ii. That investigation has been completed;
- iii. That as per the chemical report, no poisonous substance has been found in the viscera sent to the FSL;
- iv. That no injury has been recorded in the postmortem;
- v. That trial will take sufficient time to conclude and
- vi. That no fruitful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind bars any further.

7. 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 bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Chief Judicial Magistrate concerned.

8. All pending misc. applications, if any, be also disposed of.

07.05.2026
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(SUBHAS MEHLA)
JUDGE

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