



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-9623-2026
Date of decision :22.04.2026

HARPAL SINGH @ BHALA

... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASJIT SINGH BEDI

Present: Mr. Hakam Singh, Advocate with
Mr. Ajay Singh Virk, Advocate and
Ms. Amrita Negi, Advocate
for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Harkanwar Jeet Singh, Asstt. A.G., Punjab.

JASJIT SINGH BEDI, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner seeks grant of anticipatory bail under Section 482 BNSS in GD No.10 dated 08.07.2025 under Sections 109, 125, 191(3), 190, 324(4) of BNS and under Sections 25 & 27 of Arms Act, 1959 registered at Police Station Kathunangal, Amritsar (Rural) in FIR No.90 dated 07.07.2025 under Sections 109, 125, 191(3), 190 of BNS, 2023 and under Sections 25 and 27 of the Arms Act, 1959 registered at PS Kathunangal, Amritsar (Rural).

The learned counsel for the petitioner contends that it is a case of version and cross-version. The petitioner-Harpal Singh @ Bhala is stated to have been carrying a 315 bore rifle and he along with the other accused caused gunshot injuries on the person of Jagtar Singh. It is his contention

from a 12 shotgun and not from a 315 rifle. Therefore, the allegations that the petitioner was carrying a rifle and fired from the same becomes doubtful.

On the other hand, the learned State counsel contends that though the petitioner has joined investigation, he has not got recovered the 315 bore rifle which he is alleged to have been carrying at the time of the occurrence and from which he along with the other accused fired.

Heard.

Admittedly, the petitioner has joined investigation. The MLR of Jagtar Singh would *prima facie* reveal pellet injuries. It would be a moot point during the course of the Trial as to from which weapon the said injuries have been caused. In this situation, non-recovery of a 315 rifle would not disentitle the petitioner to the grant of anticipatory bail.

In view of aforesaid factual position, the interim order dated 27.02.2026 is made absolute. However, the petitioner shall keep on joining the investigation as and when required to do so and he shall abide by the conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) BNSS.

Petition stands disposed of.

(JASJIT SINGH BEDI)
JUDGE

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