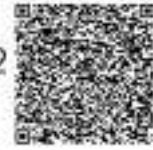


**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

2026.PHHC.043342



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CRM-M-11395-2026 (O&M)

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Akashdeep Singh

...Petitioner

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State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present :- Mr. Ranbir Singh Sekhon & Ms. Sangeeta Devi, Advocates
for the petitioner.

Mr. Hemant Aggarwal, DAG, Punjab.

Ms. Madhu Bala, Advocate for the complainant.

SUMEET GOEL, J. (Oral)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No.30 dated 04.04.2022 under Sections 379-B, 341, 323, 34 of Indian Penal Code, 1860 (304/126(2)/115(2)/3(5) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, registered at Police Station Sadar Zira, District Ferozepur.

2. The case set up in the FIR in question (as set out by the petitioner in the present petition) is as follows:-

“Statement of Navdeep Kumar s/o Sh. Manohar Lal R/o village Sodhiwala, PS Sadar Zira, aged about 42 years, Mob. No.98554-74765, stated that I am resident of above mentioned address and present Numberdar of the village. On 23.03.2022, I went to my

fields from my house on my Motorcycle marka Hero Honda CT 100 bearing registration No.PB29-E-2239 and when I was coming back to my house then the time would be 07:00 pm and when I reached near the Chakki of Neel Kamal Singh then immediately, Akashdeep Singh s/o Sukhdev Raj R/o Sodhi Wala came outside from the room of Chakki and signaled me stop and I stopped my motorcycle. Then suddenly, Balvir Singh s/o Bahadur Singh R/o Sodhi Wala caught hold me and Akashdeep Singh gave me two continuous blows of Iron Rod into my head which hit on the both sides of my head and I fell on the ground. Thereafter, Sukhpreet Singh s/o Parminder Singh r/o Sodhiwala gave me kappa blow on my forehead when I was lying on the ground. Thereafter, Neel Kamal gave me three continuous blows of hockey on the upper side of my right knee and they tried to drag me towards the Chakki and in the meanwhile, Akashdeep snatched the gold ring wore by me in the finger of right hand. The lot of blood was oozing. I was raised alarm "Marta Marta". On coming to know at my house, my son Indraaj Duggal called the Ex.Sarpanch namely Gurbax Singh s/o Harbans Singh and requested to reach on the spot who arranged the vehicle and got me admitted at Civil Hospital Zira for treatment. The motive behind the occurrence is that we had fight with this party in the year 2018 and due to that grudge, they caused me injuries in connivance with each other. We have discussion about the compromise regarding this fight but the compromise could not effected. The legal action may kindly be taken against them. The statement has been recorded, heard and is correct. Sd/- Navdeep Kumar, verified by Sd/ Kulwant Singh, ASI, PS Sadar Zira, dated 4.4.2022."

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner is in custody since 26.01.2026. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner has further submitted the petitioner has been falsely implicated

into the FIR in question on account of a misunderstanding, which has now been resolved and a settlement has been arrived at between the rival private parties. In this regard, learned counsel for the petitioner has relied upon an affidavit of the FIR-complainant/injured (copy whereof has been appended as Annexure P-2 with the present petition). Thus, regular bail is prayed for.

4. Learned State counsel opposed the grant of bail to the petitioner by arguing that the allegations raised are serious in nature and, thus, the petitioner does not deserve the concession of regular bail. Learned State counsel seeks to place on record custody certificate dated 18.03.2026 in Court, which is taken on record.

4.1. Learned counsel for the complainant has ratified the veracity and genuineness of the of the affidavit of the FIR-complainant/injured (copy whereof has been appended as Annexure P-2 with the present petition).

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

6. The petitioner was arrested on 26.01.2026 and the trial proceedings are underway. Total 9 prosecution witnesses have been cited and out of which none has been examined till date. The rival contentions of the learned counsel for the parties; as to the whether the petitioner has been falsely implicated into the FIR, including the weightage required to be attached to the affidavit of the FIR-complainant/injured (copy whereof has been appended as Annexure P-2 with the present petition) shall be gone into 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 rights of either of the parties. Nothing tangible has been brought forward to indicate the likelihood of the

petitioner absconding from the process of justice or interfering with the remaining prosecution evidence.

7. As per the custody certificate dated 18.03.2026 filed by the learned State counsel, the petitioner has suffered incarceration for 1 month & 19 days and is shown to be involved in one more FIR/case. However, this factum cannot be a ground sufficient by itself, to decline the concession of regular bail to the petitioner in the FIR in question when a case is made out for grant of regular bail *qua* the FIR in question by ratiocinating upon the facts/circumstances of the said FIR. Reliance in this regard can be placed upon the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***Maulana Mohd. Amir Rashadi v. State of U.P. and another, 2012 (1) RCR (Criminal) 586***; a Division Bench judgment of the Hon'ble Calcutta High Court in case of ***Sridhar Das v. State, 1998 (2) RCR (Criminal) 477*** & judgments of this Court in ***CRM-M No.38822-2022*** titled as ***Akhilesh Singh v. State of Haryana***, decided on 29.11.2021, and ***Balraj v. State of Haryana, 1998 (3) RCR (Criminal) 191***.

Suffice to say, the further detention of the petitioner in custody is not required in the facts and circumstances of the case.

8. In view of above, the petition in hand is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned 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.
- (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/Illaq Magistrate.
- (vii) The petitioner shall not in any manner try to delay the trial.

9. 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.

10. Ordered accordingly.

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

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

(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

19.03.2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes/No
Whether Reportable :	Yes/No