



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-10293-2026 (O&M)

Date of decision: 09.04.2026

Paramjeet Singh @ Paramjit Singh @ Bagga

...Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

State of Punjab

...Respondent(s)

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

Present :- Mr. Jaskirat Singh Dhaliwal, Advocate for the petitioner(s).

Dr. (Ms.) Savi Nagpal, AAG 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.01 dated 02.01.2019, registered under Section(s) 307, 324, 323, 336, 427, 188, 148, 149 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860; Sections 25, 27 of the Arms Act, 1959; and Section 3 of the Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act, 1984 (Sections 325 I.P.C. was added vide DDR No.28 dated 09.01.2019 whereas Section 336 I.P.C. and Sections 25, 27 of the Arms Act, 1959 were deleted vide DDR No.34 dated 28.07.2020, later on) at Police Station Lakhewali, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

2. Status report filed by way of affidavit dated 30.03.2026 on behalf of respondent-State is already available on file and the same is taken on record. Registry is directed to do the needful

3. The present FIR was registered on the complaint/statement of Sarabjit Singh son of Gurdeep Singh. The same reads thus:-

“Statement of Sarabjit Singh @ Kaka son of Gurdeep Singh Cast Jat Sikh resident of village Lakhewali aged about 41 years Phone No: 90415-74053, stated that I am a resident of the said address and a member of Zila Parishad. On 30/12/2018 due to panchayat elections of 2018, I was the polling agent of Sarpanch candidate Manjit Kaur wife of Harmel Singh caste SC, resident of Lakhewali. The voting polled peacefully and ended at 5 PM. I was to sit inside during the counting of votes as an accounting agent of Sarpanch candidate Manjit Kaur. Then Kuldeep Singh son of Mukhtiar Singh caste Mazhabi Sikh, resident of Lakhewali, whose mother Manjit Kaur wife of Mukhtiar Singh was also a Sarpanch candidate, was also to sit inside as an accounting agent of his mother during the counting period. At around 7-30 PM, the lights outside the school were lit and I was going to sit inside as an accounting agent, and Kuldeep Singh son of Mukhtiar Singh, resident of Lakhewali who was standing there, started arguing with me. Hearing the same, my brother Paramjit Singh and my father Gurdeep Singh also came there and seeing our argument raging, the men of Kuldeep Singh's party jumped over the walls and entered the school, among them Jaskaran Singh son of Angrej Singh holding a Gandasi, Rupkaran son of Jaskaran

Singh holding a Pistol, Swaran Singh son of Baldev Singh holding a sword. Balkarn Singh son of Baldev Singh holding a Gandhali, Harvinder Singh son of Gurjant Singh holding a Kapa, Gurmel Singh son of Gurjant Singh holding a Pistol, Sarabjit Singh @ Jattu son of Sher Singh holding a Dang, Jobanpreet Singh son of Sarabjit Singh holding a Dang, Sherbaj Singh son of Darshan Singh holding a Gandhali, Simarjit Singh son of Teja Singh caste Jat Sikh holding a Dang, all residents of Lakhewali and Paramjit Singh @ Bagga son of Gurjant Singh holding a Dang and Sandeep Singh @ Ghuggi son of Mukhtiar Singh holding a Rod caste SC, residents of village Lakhewali and 40/50 unidentified persons among whom Jaskaran Singh hit me with his gandasi directly on the head, then Swaran Singh son of Baldev Singh hit me with his sword to which I put my left hand forward to save myself and the same hit my wrist, then Sarabjit Singh @ Jattu hit me with his daang on my back, then Harvinder Singh son of Gurjant Singh hit me with the blunt side of kapa on my left leg. Simarjit Singh hit me with his daang on my back. Then Sher Baj Singh hit me with his gandhali on my left hand. Sandeep Singh hit me with his rod which hit my right hand. All the other men and Paramjit Singh @ Bagga raised lalkaaras and Paramjit Singh @ Bagga exhorted the others to kill Sarabjit Singh @ Kaka that day and let the chance not to go bye and Rupkaran Singh son of

Jaskaran Singh and Gurmail Singh son of Gurjant Singh kept firing with their pistols and raised lalkaras, saying that Sarabjit Singh @ Kaka should not go alive today and those fires kept passing by me. With the intention of killing me, all these persons have caused injuries to me. Then Gursminder Singh @ Tona son of Gurmeet Singh and Varinder Singh @ Sona son of Jabarjung Singh caste Jat Sikh, residents of Lakhewali, who were polling agents, and my father Gurdeep Singh and my brother Paramjit Singh raised hue and cry. Then these persons hit doors of rooms with bricks and damaged the school gates with their weapons which caused damage to public property of school. They escaped with the weapons while raising lalkaras. Then my brother Paramjit Singh and my father Gurdeep Singh arranged a vehicle and got me admitted to Badial Hospital, Bathinda as I had so many injuries where I am undergoing treatment. Cause of enmity is that being an accounting agent, I had to sit inside at the counting time and the said persons wanted to sideline me with the intention of creating a disturbance after seeing the weak condition of their candidate Manjit Kaur wife of Mukhtiar Singh, so the said persons conspired to kill me. Action should be taken. ”.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the only attribution to the petitioner is that of a *Lalkara* and no actual role has been attributed to him. He contends that the petitioner was initially not arrested in

the present case and was later arrested on 16.06.2023 and he has undergone an actual custody of nearly 02 years 10 months as on date. It is contended that only 03 out of the total 27 prosecution witnesses have been examined so far and the trial is likely to take a long time to conclude. He submits that co-accused, namely, Gurmail Singh; Swaran Singh, Sarabjit Singh, Sherbaj Singh; Kuldeep Singh, Sandeep Singh; and Balkaran Singh, Harwinder Singh, Jobanpreet Singh; have already been granted the concession of anticipatory bail vide separate orders passed by the Additional Sessions Judge, Sri Muktsar Sahib.

5. Learned counsel for respondent-State, however, contends that the petitioner had absconded after registration of the FIR and was eventually arrested in June-2023. She further contends that the petitioner is involved in other cases. She, however, does not dispute that the petitioner has undergone an actual custody of nearly 02 years 10 months and only 03 prosecution witnesses out of 27 have been examined so far.

6. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that in so far as the other cases against the petitioner are concerned, he stands acquitted in two cases and in one case proceedings have been quashed, while he is on bail in other cases. He contends that taking into consideration that the role attributed to the petitioner is only ministerial and that he has undergone an actual custody of nearly 02 years 10 months in the present case, he deserves the concession of regular bail. He contends that the petitioner is ready to furnish heavy surety.

7. Having heard the learned counsel for the parties and taking into

consideration the facts and circumstances as noted above, including the period of actual custody undergone by the petitioner, the role attributed to him in the present case, other co-accused having already been granted the concession of anticipatory bail, the stage of the trial wherein only 03 out of the total 27 prosecution witnesses have been examined so far 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.

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

9. 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.

10. 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

09.04.2026

Mangal Singh

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