



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

**CRM-M-12026-2026
Date of decision: 12.05.2026**

JAGPAL SINGH ALIAS PALA

...PETITIONER

V/S

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

...RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUBHAS MEHLA

Present: Mr. Bhanu Chaudhary, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. D.S. Malwai, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

SUBHAS MEHLA, J. (ORAL)

1. By way of the present petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, the petitioner is seeking regular bail in case bearing FIR No.240 dated 16.12.2025 registered under Sections 308(4), 351(3) and 61(2) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNS') at Police Station Sardulgarh, Mansa, Punjab.

2. In the present case, allegations against the petitioner are that he, along with other co-accused, made extortion and death threat calls to complainant, demanded ₹25 lakh for purchasing weapons in the name of the "Bishnoi gang" and threatened to kill the complainant and his family if the money was not paid and instructed him to come to Ratia, Fatehabad for delivery of the amount.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner prayed for grant of regular bail to the petitioner on the following grounds:

- i. The petitioner has been falsely involved in the present case.
- ii. Nothing has been recovered from the petitioner.



- iii. Petitioner is in custody since 16.12.2025 i.e. for the last about 05 months.
 - iv. Petitioner is having clean and clear antecedents and is not involved in any other criminal activity.
 - v. A compromise has been effected between the petitioner and the complainant and a petition for quashing of present FIR on the basis of compromise has also been filed before this Court, which is pending for consideration.
 - vi. Investigation has already been completed and final report under Section 193 of BNSS has already been filed.
 - vii. Trial will take sufficient time to conclude. No fruitful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind the bars for an indefinite period.
4. Learned State counsel opposed the prayer of the petitioner on the ground that petitioner has committed a serious offence and compromise cannot be a ground for grant of regular bail.
5. Mr. Kanhya Goyal, Advocate has put in appearance on behalf of the respondent No.2 and filed his power of attorney. The same is taken on record. Learned counsel admitted the factum of compromise effected between the petitioner and respondent No.2 and submitted that he has no objection, if the petitioner is released on bail.
6. Heard.
7. Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the present case and the following contentions of learned counsel for the parties that :



- i. Petitioner is in custody since 16.12.2025 i.e. for the last about 05 months.
- ii. Investigation has already been completed and final report under Section 193 of BNSS has already been filed.
- iii. A compromise has been effected between the petitioner and the complainant and a petition for quashing of present FIR on the basis of compromise has also been filed before this Court, which is pending for consideration.
- iv. Petitioner is having clean and clear antecedents and is not involved in any other criminal activity.
- v. Trial will take sufficient time to conclude. No fruitful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner in custody for any further period.

8. Concession of bail cannot be denied just as a measure of punishment as culpability of accused is to be decided after appreciating evidence adduced by both the parties. It is a 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.

9. 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.

May 12, 2026

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(SUBHAS MEHLA)
JUDGE

- (i) Whether speaking/reasoned
- (ii) Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No