



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

CRM-M-15639-2023 (O&M)

Date of Decision:19.01.2026

HARDIAL SINGH

....PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

....RESPONDENT(S)

**CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ASHWANI KUMAR MISHRA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ROHIT KAPOOR**

Present: Mr. Krishan Kumar Thakur, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Samdisha Kaur, AAG, Punjab.

ASHWANI KUMAR MISHRA, J. (ORAL)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 439 of Cr.PC., for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No.39 dated 22.03.2021, under Section(s) 115, 120-B IPC, Section 25 of the Arms Act, 1959 and under Section(s) 17, 18, 18-B, 20 of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, registered at Police Station Mehtiana, District Hoshiarpur.

2. The above FIR was lodged on the basis of information received by the police party from CIA Headquarters, Hoshiarpur, that Baljit Singh @ Rinku, Sukhdeep @ Nikka, Sajan Kumar, and Paramjit Singh @ Pamma, who are residing in Canada, and Sher Singh @ Shera, who is presently residing in a foreign country, along with some other persons in their contact, were in regular communication with each other through mobile phones. They had activated foreign numbers on the Signal App. Paramjit Singh @ Pamma and Sher Singh @ Shera were the

masterminds of the conspiracy. In February, 2021, Paramjit Singh @ Pamma came to village Sahari, where he met the above-named persons and provided them with information did a recce, with a view to kill Bhupinder Singh @ Pappu, resident of village Ajram, Police Station Mehtiana, District Hoshiarpur. Thereafter, Paramjit Singh @ Pamma gave supari to Sher Singh @ Shera for murder of Bhupinder Singh @ Pappu. Sher Singh @ Shera incited the co-accused to commit the murder and arranged a pistol and ammunition. Sher Singh @ Shera sent shooter Sajan Kumar from Muktsar to kill Bhupinder Singh @ Pappu and kept him at various locations. Sher Singh @ Shera also sent Rs.10,000/- twice to Hoshiarpur through Western Union, and a sum of Rs.35,000/- was delivered in cash through Baljit Singh @ Rinku. The accused persons remained in constant touch with each other through the Signal App, the details of which are mentioned in the FIR. Thereafter, shooter Sajan Kumar contacted Sher Singh @ Shera through the Signal App and acting on his instructions and with a common intention, went to Raj Mahal Palace, Tanda Road, on 20.03.2021 on a motorcycle during a marriage ceremony to kill Bhupinder Singh @ Pappu. However, they could not execute the plan due to the presence of Police. The accused persons thereafter continued roaming on the same motorcycle in search of an opportunity to kill Bhupinder Singh @ Pappu, who could be attacked at any time. Paramjit Singh @ Pamma harbours a grudge against Bhupinder Singh @ Pappu.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner

has no criminal history and has been languishing in jail for the last more than four years and ten months. Neither any recovery has been effected from the petitioner nor he is involved in any other criminal case. The role attributed to the petitioner has surfaced only on the basis of the confessional statement of one of the co-accused, namely Manpreet Singh. It is further submitted that all the prosecution witnesses have already been examined and the trial is presently at the stage of production of defence witnesses. Learned counsel contends that unless the petitioner is enlarged on bail, he would not be able to appropriately formulate and lead his defence. Considering the fact that the petitioner has no criminal antecedents and has been in custody for more than four years, it is prayed that the petitioner be enlarged on bail. Reliance is placed upon the bail orders dated 12.05.2022, 09.11.2022, and 09.02.2023 passed by this Court in respect of the co-accused.

4. On the other hand, learned State counsel submits that the present case pertains to a criminal conspiracy to eliminate one Bhupinder Singh @ Pappu. For the said purpose, one Sajan Kumar, a sharp-shooter, was hired. It is further submitted that the funds for executing the conspiracy were received by the petitioner from certain persons residing across the border. Therefore, considering the gravity and magnitude of the offence(s), as well as the specific role attributed to the petitioner, he is not entitled to the concession of bail.

5. We have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the present case,

including that the petitioner has no criminal antecedents; no recovery has been made from him; four of the co-accused have already been enlarged on bail; the petitioner has remained in custody for more than four years and ten months; all the prosecution witnesses have been examined; and the trial is presently at the stage of defence evidence, which may take some more time, and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, we deem it appropriate to allow the present petition.

7. Accordingly, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner-Hardial Singh is ordered to be released on bail upon furnishing the requisite bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

8. It is made clear that the petitioner shall not extend any threat to, or influence, any prosecution witness in any manner, directly or indirectly.

9. Pending applications, if any, shall also stand disposed of.

[ASHWANI KUMAR MISHRA]
JUDGE

[ROHIT KAPOOR]
JUDGE

JANUARY 19, 2026
Rahul Joshi

1. Whether Speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
2. Whether Reportable	Yes/No