



131 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-13641-2025
Date of Decision:12.05.2026

Sagar @ Bobby Malhotra ...Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab ...Respondent

(ii) CRM-M-58034-2025

Amanpreet Singh @ Rinka ...Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab ...Respondent

Coram : Hon'ble Mr. Justice N.S.Shekhawat

Present: Mr. Hitesh Chopra, Advocate for
the petitioner in CRM-M-13641-2025.

Ms. Rajvinder Kaur Sohal, Advocate
for the petitioner in CRM-M-58034-2025.

Mr. M.S. Bajwa, DAG, Punjab.

N.S.Shekhawat J. (Oral)

1. This order shall dispose off two bail petitions i.e CRM-M-13641-2025 titled as ***“Sagar @ Bobby Malhotra Vs. State of Punjab”*** and CRM-M-58034-2025 titled as ***“Amanpreet Singh @ Rinka Vs. State of Punjab”***, whereby, the petitioners have prayed for the grant of regular bail to them in case arising out of FIR No.264, dated 03.06.2018, registered under Sections 302,120-B, 148,149 of IPC and Section 25,27 of Arms Act and 201 and 473 of IPC added later on, Police Station Civil Lines, District Police Commissionerate, Amritsar (Annexure P-1).



2. The FIR in the present case was registered on the basis of the statement made by Sukhbir Singh @ Sonu and the same has been reproduced below:-

“Statement of Sukhbir Singh alias Sonu son of Sh. Surjit Singh, caste Prajapat, resident of H.No.138, Kot Mahna Singh, Tarn Taran Road, Amritsar, aged about 37 years, mobile No.99143-21751. It is stated that I am the resident of the above address and I am running the business of transport. We are five brothers and sisters, out of them, two are the sisters and three brothers. My elder brother Gurdeep Singh Pehalwan, who is a councillor from Ward No.50, Amritsar and is residing in H.No.902/6, Haveli Roorh Singh, near Telephone Exchange, Katra Sher Singh, Amritsar. About 6-7 years ago, a quarrel had taken place between my brother Gurdeep Singh and Ravneet Singh alias Sonu Mota, resident of Chowk Tahli Wala, Sultanwind Road, Amritsar. By virtue of this quarrel, the enmity of Ravneet Singh alias Sonu Mota with my brother Gurdeep Singh had increased and Sonu Mota had given threats many times to my brother Gurdeep Singh to kill him. Due to Sonu Mota, the gangster Jagdeep Singh alias Jaggu resident of Bhagwanpuria, district Gurdaspur, confined in jail, Sonu Kangla, resident of Gujjarpura, Bobby Malhotra, resident of Gujjarpura, Amritsar and their other accomplices including Rajat Malhotra alias Karan Masti resident of Majith Mandi, Amanpreet Singh alias Rinka, resident of Fateh Singh colony, Angrej Singh resident of Fateh Singh colony, and Arun Chhurimar, resident of Gujjarpura, who have been released from jail, started keeping enmity with my brother Gurdeep Singh. They had given threats on Facebook and other social media to kill my brother, Gurdeep Singh. All these persons are doing illegal activities at the instance of Jaggu Bhagwanpuria. We all three brothers are wrestlers since childhood. On 02.06.2018, in the evening, I and my elder brother

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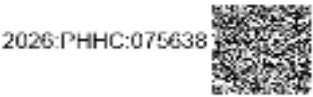


Gurdeep Singh and Gulshan Kumar, friend of my brother Gurdeep Singh, as a daily routine had gone to Akhara Golbagh, Amritsar for doing exercise and after the exercise, after taking bath and changing he clothes, we were about to proceed for our house. At about 7.00 PM, 6-7 persons came in through the gate of the Akhara very quickly. They were carrying pistols in their hands. Out of them, I identified Rajat Malhotra alias Karan Masti, Angrej Singh, Amanpreet Singh alias Rinka and Arun Chhurimar. Upon coming there, they started firing bullets from their pistols on my brother Gurdeep Singh, who was standing in the Akhara. By virtue of the hitting of bullets, my brother Gurdeep Singh fell down on the ground and we hide ourselves behind the vehicles parked inside the Akhara. All of them were raising lalkara that today we have murdered the enemy of our friend Ravneet Singh Sonu Mota, Jaggu Bhagwanpuria and Sonu Kangla and Bobby Malhotra and all these persons fled on the motorcycles, which were parked outside. While their fleeing, I noted down the number of one motorcycle Pulsar, colour black as PB-02-BK-7324. Out of these attackers, one had worn yellow colour Kurta Pyjama and had tied a turban, one had worn grey colour Kurta Pyjama and had tied a turban and the remaining were Hindus. The above persons, at the instance of Sonu Mota, Jaggu Bhagwanpuria, Sonu Kangla and Bobby Malhotra, under a conspiracy, in connivance with each other, had fired gun-shots to my brother Gurdeep Singh. I and Gulshan Kumar with the help of others, took my brother Gurdeep Singh to Amandeep Hospital, Amritsar in an injured condition, where the doctors declared my brother Gurdeep Singh as dead. But we took our brother Gurdeep Singh to Fortis Hospital, Amritsar, where also, the doctors declared him dead. The above persons have murdered my brother Gurdeep Singh. Legal action be taken against them, I have got my statement recorded to you. Sd/- Sukhbir Singh, attested, Sd/-Sukhbir Singh”.



3. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner Sagar @ Bobby Malhotra (petitioner in CRM-M-13641-2025) submits that the F.I.R was lodged against the petitioner by wrongly alleging that the petitioner is a well known gangster and had enmity with Gurdeep Singh, brother of the complainant for the last 6/7 years and they had killed Gurdeep Singh by firing shots on him. Learned counsel further submits that the petitioner was not present at the place of occurrence and four other persons had fired shots on the deceased. There was no motive also on the part of the petitioner to commit the crime. Moreover, the petitioner was arrested in the present case on 12.07.2015 and challan was presented against him on 23.08.2018 and thereafter, charge was framed against him on 22.08.2019. He further submits that the petitioner has already spent such a long incarceration of several years and the trial may not conclude in near future. Consequently, the petitioner deserves to be enlarged on bail.

4. On the other hand, learned counsel appearing on behalf of Amanpreet Singh @ Rinka (petitioner in CRM-M-58034-2025) submits that the petitioner has been named by levelling general and omnibus allegations. It has been stated that the gunshots were fired by his co-accused and no specific attribution to the petitioner was there. Apart from that, there was no substantive evidence or independent eye witness account with the prosecution to connect him with the alleged crime. Even, during, the course of investigation, the petitioner was arrested on 12.07.2018 and challan has been presented against him on 23.12.2018. Also, the trial has not concluded before the Trial Court inspite of repeated directions by this Court.

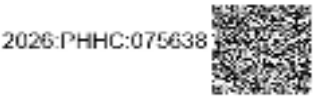


5. On the other hand, learned State counsel has vehemently opposed the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner(s) on the ground that both the petitioners are well known gangsters of the State and do not deserve the concession of bail from this Court. As per him, the following cases are pending for trial against Sagar @ Bobby Malhotra (petitioner in CRM-M-13641-2025):-

Sr. No.	FIR No. and Date	Under Sections	Police Station
1	120/10.11.2015	395,148,149,120-B 216-A IPC 25-54- 59 ArmsACT	City Batala
2	110/30.04.2016	364,302,148,149, 120-B IPC 25/27 ArmsACT	Sultanwind
3	113/04.05.2016	302,307,148,149, 120-B IPC 25/54/59 Arms ACT	Sultanwind
4	166/29.10.2015	307,336,148,149 of IPC	C. Division, Amritsar
5	171/12.11.2015	307,336,148,149 of IPC	C. Division, Amritsar
6	72/09.02.2016	365,379-B,148,149 of IPC, 25-54-59 of Arms Act	Civil Lines
7	66/16.09.2018	450,395,397,307,411 of IPC and 25 of Arms Act	D. Division
8	03/11.02.2024	353,186,506,34 of IPC and 2-A of Prison Act	Cantt. Bhatinda

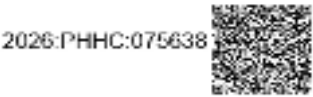
Apart from that, the petitioner has been convicted in the following cases:-

Sr. No.	FIR No. and Date	Under Sections	Police Station
1.	12/05.02.2016	307/224/225/148/ 149/120B IPC 25-27-54-59 Arms	Sadar S.B.S Nagar

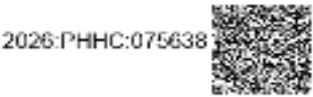


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2.	27/24.02.2017	420 IPC 42/52 PrisonACT	Gate Hakima
3.	113/12.07.2015	307/34 IPC, 25- 54-59 Arms Act	C. Division
4.	122/25.09.2013	21/22/61/85 of NDPS Act	C. Division
5.	37/08.06.2015	223,224,225,148, 149 of IPC and 25/54/59 of Arms Act	Khalchian
6.	145/06.05.2015	307,37,353,186 of IPC and 25/54/59 of Arms Act	Civil Lines
7.	22/15.09.2017	364,382,386,387,2 12,216216- A,414,416,120-B of IPC, 21/25/29 of NDPS Act and 25 of Arms Act	SSOC (State Special Operation Cell)
8.	236/20.08.2020	52-A Prison Act	City Ferozepore
9.	248/08.09.2020	52-A Prison Act	City Ferozepore
10.	163/17.05.2020	52-A Prison Act	City Ferozepore
11.	189/11.06.2020	52-A Prison Act	City Ferozepore
12.	119/27.03.2020	52-A Prison Act	City Ferozepore
13.	295/13.11.2020	52-A Prison Act	City Ferozepore
14.	20/03.02.2022	323,341 of IPC, 52-A Prison Act	Cantt. Bhatinda
15.	04/12.01.2025	25/54/59 of Arms Act	Phul

Apart from that, the petitioner was also involved in the following cases, in which he has been acquitted:-

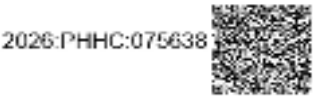


Sr. No.	FIR No. and Date	Under Sections	Police Station
1.	118/16.07.2014	21/22 NDPS Act, 379/411 of IPC	E-Division
2.	06/17.08.2016	367,148,149 of IPC and 25/27 of Arms Act	State Special Operation Cell
3.	127/10.08.2016	364,302,148,149 of IPC and 25/54/59 of Arms Act	Sadar Tarn Taran
4.	208/08.11.2016	302,307,148,149 of IPC	C-Division
5.	23/04.02.2016	307 of IPC and 25/54/59 of Arms Act	Sultanwind
6.	38/28.03.2015	307 of IPC	C. Division
7.	187/25.09.2014	307 of IPC	C. Division
8.	137/24.08.2015	307,148,149 of IPC	C. Division
9.	11/12.01.2016	307/34 of IPC	C. Division
10.	35/26.04.2011	452,323,427,506 of IPC	C. Division
11.	264/23.10.2014	302,304,34 of IPC and 25/54/59 of Arms Act	Sultanwind
12.	301/31.10.2014	18-20-21-22-61-85 of NDPS Act, 411,414,489-A of IPC and 25-54-59 of Arms Act, 14 of Foreign Act	Cantonment, Amritsar
13.	172/06.12.2017	379,411 of IPC,25 of Arms Act	C. Division
14.	74/07.04.2018	42,52-A Jail Act	City Faridkot
15.	98/21.09.2016	395 of IPC	Bulalowal
16.	115/01.01.2013	323,324 of IPC	C. Division



17.	63/06.04.2016	392,454 of IPC and 25/54/59 of Arms Act	Kamboh
18.	162/02.10.2018	353,186,506,34 of IPC and 45 Act	Muktsar Sadar
19.	67/01.01.2015	21-27-A,29/61/85 of NDPS Act, 25/54/59 of Arms Act, 307/472 of IPC	Kathunangal
20.	46/06.03.2018	392,379-B,395 of IPC and 21/22/61/85 of NDPS Act and 25/54/59 of Arms Act	Maqsudan
21.	146/07.11.2014	399,402,120-B of IPC	Ghoman
22.	177/30.09.2018	21-22-61-85 of NDPS Act	Islamabad
23.	222/13.11.2014	307,506,452,148,1 49 of IPC and 25 of Arms Act	C. Division
24.	86/13.06.2016	379-B of IPC, 25 of Arms Act	Beas
25.	05/04.01.2021	52-A of Prison Act	City Ferozepore
26.	117/26.11.2022	399,402 of IPC, 25 of Arms Act	City Morinda
27.	27/2021	21/22 of NDPS Act and 52,52-A of Prison Act	Cantt. Bhatinda
28.	24/15.03.2025	304 (1) of B.N.S	Sultanwind
29.	61/25.03.2022	148,149,307,323, 506 of IPC	Amloh

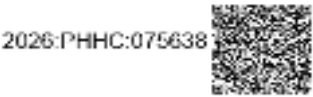
Still further, production warrants have been issued against the petitioner in the following one case:-



Sr. No.	FIR No. and Date	Under Sections	Police Station
1.	139/20.04.2020	52-A Prison Act	City Ferozepore

6. The following cases are pending for trial against Amanpreet Singh @ Rinka (petitioner in CRM-M-58034-2025):-

Sr. No.	FIR No. and Date	Under Sections	Police Station
1.	201/05.11.2018	307,353,427,212, 216,34 of IPC	Islamabad
2.	260/20.10.2017	307 of IPC, 25/54/59 of Arms Act	E.Division
3.	66/16.09.2018	395,397,307,412 of IPC and 25/54/59 of Arms Act	D. Division
4.	68/11.05.2018	392,394,397,148,149 of IPC and 25/54/59 of Arms Act	E. Division
5.	232/03.09.2019	307,120-B,506,148,149 of IPC and 52-A of Prison Act	Islamabad
6.	95/21.06.2019	25-54-59 of Arms Act, 21-22-61-85 of NDPS Act	Gate Hakima
7.	184/31.07.2019	42/52-A of Prison Act	Islamabad
8.	182/22.04.2020	52 of Prison Act, 324 of IPC	Islamabad
9.	159/13.04.2020	42/52-A of Prison Act	Islamabad
10.	142/30.03.2020	42/52-A of Prison Act	Islamabad



11.	98/07.03.2020	42/52-A of Prison Act	Islamabad
12.	50/22.07.2024	109(1), 115(2), 117(2), 126(2), 61(2) of B.N.S	Sandaur

The petitioner has been convicted in the following case:-

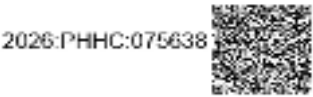
Sr. No.	FIR No. and Date	Under Sections	Police Station
1.	27/11.05.2018	336/34 of IPC, 25-54-59 of Arms Act	D.Division

Apart from that, the petitioner was also involved in the following cases, in which he has been acquitted:-

Sr. No.	FIR No. and Date	Under Sections	Police Station
1.	36/03.03.2021	21-C,/25/61/85 of NDPS Act	STF, Amritsar
2.	108/25.08.2022	25/54/59 of Arms Act	Maqsudan
3.	34/02.03.2025	25/54/59 of Arms Act	Gate Hakima
4.	175/10.07.2025	25,27,54,59 of Arms Act, 109 of B.N.S	Gate Hakima

Still further, production warrants have been issued against the petitioner in the followings cases:-

Sr. No.	FIR No. and Date	Under Sections	Police Station
1.	92/26.05.2016	399,402 of IPC, 25-27-54-59 of Arms Act, 20-25-29-61-85 of NDPS Act	Cantonment, Amritsar

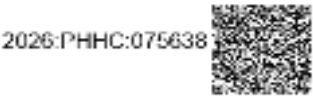


2.	180/26.08.2018	365,384,392,244,1 15,120-B of IPC and 25 of Arms Act	Division No.7 Jalandhar
3.	250/30.05.2020	42/52-A of Prison Act	Islamabad
4.	328/06.10.2022	52-A of Prison Act	Kotwali Kapurthala
5.	300/15.12.2021	52 Prison Act	Kotwali Kapurthala
6.	170/2022	52-A of Prison Act	Kotwali Kapurthala
7.	438/29.09.2020	52-A of Prison Act	Islamabad
8.	94/2021	42,52-A of Prison Act	Islamabad
9.	187/2021	42,52-A of Prison Act	Islamabad
10.	194/06.06.2023	42,52-A of Prison Act	Islamabad
11.	461/2022	52-A of Prison Act	Kotwali Kapurthala
12.	166/28.04.2025	42,52-A of Prison Act	City Faridkot

Learned State counsel submits that both the petitioners are involved in several criminal activities in the State of Punjab and keeping in view the seriousness of the allegations also, the petitions are liable to be dismissed by this Court.

7. I have heard the learned counsel for the parties and perused the record carefully.

8. Undoubtedly, the petitioners in both the petitions are continuing in custody for a very long period, however, the Court cannot overlook the role played by the petitioners in the present crime. Apart from that, it is also



apparent from the submissions made by learned State counsel that both the petitioners are hardcore criminals and notorious criminals of State of Punjab, and are involved in several criminal cases. It is also established from the submissions made by learned State counsel that in majority of the cases, the witnesses are not even able to depose against them and due to this, both the petitioners are acquitted in criminal trials.

9. Thus, the apprehensions expressed by learned State counsel that the petitioners may influence the witnesses of the prosecution or may tamper with the evidence, seems to be well founded and genuine.

10. Thus, keeping in view the gravity of the offence, number of cases pending against the petitioners and chances of tampering with the prosecution evidence, both petitions deserves to be dismissed by this Court.

11. Ordered accordingly.

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JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

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Yes/No

Whether reportable

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Yes/No