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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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Date of Decision: 12.03.2026

Kuldeep Kaur

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASJIT SINGH BEDI

Present: Mr. Rehat Bir Singh Mann, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

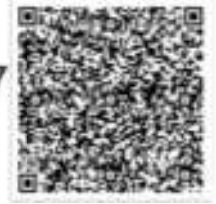
Mr. Harkanwar Jeet Singh, AAG, Punjab.

JASJIT SINGH BEDI, J.

The prayer in the present petition under Section 483 BNSS is for the grant of regular bail in case bearing FIR No.20 dated 30.04.2024 under Sections 302, 201, 34 IPC (Section 201 IPC added later on) registered at Police Station Smalsar, District Moga, Punjab.

2. As per the prosecution case, the deceased was having illicit relations with the petitioner and she alongwith her husband Jaswinder Singh committed the murder of the deceased.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the FIR has been registered on suspicion. Pursuant to the arrest of the petitioner, no inculpatory evidence has been found other than the confessional statement of the petitioner herself and that of her husband-Jaswinder Singh, though, from Jaswinder Singh a wooden log has been recovered. As the petitioner is in custody since 01.05.2024 but only 03 out of the 23 prosecution witnesses have been examined so far, the Trial of the present case is not likely to be



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concluded anytime soon and therefore, she is entitled to the concession of bail.

4. The learned counsel for the State, on the other hand, while referring to the reply dated 23.07.2025 which is already on record contends that the petitioner and her husband committed the murder of the deceased as he was in illicit relationship with the petitioner. The allegations levelled are grave and therefore, she is not entitled to the concession as prayed for. He, however, concedes that the petitioner is in custody since 01.05.2024 and that only 03 out of the 23 prosecution witnesses have been examined so far.

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

6. The veracity of the prosecution case against the petitioner and her co-accused shall be adjudicated upon during the course of the Trial. Admittedly, the petitioner is in custody since 01.05.2024 but only 03 of the 23 prosecution witnesses have been examined so far. Therefore, the Trial in the present case is not likely to be concluded anytime soon. In this situation, the further incarceration of the petitioner is not required.

7. Thus without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner-Kuldeep Kaur is ordered to be released on bail subject to her furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned CJM/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

8. The petition stands disposed of.

(JASJIT SINGH BEDI)
JUDGE

March 12, 2026

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Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No

Whether reportable :- Yes/No