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

CRM-M-67766-2025
Date of decision: 06.04.2026

AKASH **..PETITIONER**
VS.

STATE OF HARYANA **..RESPONDENT**
CRM-M-13563-2026

DARSHAN SINGH @ VICKY **..PETITIONER**
VS.

STATE OF HARYANA **..RESPONDENT**
CRM-M-1800-2026

KUNAL **..PETITIONER**
VS.

STATE OF HARYANA **..RESPONDENT**
CRM-M-71717-2025

NAVEEN KUMAR ALIAS NAVEEN **..PETITIONER**
VS.

STATE OF HARYANA **..RESPONDENT**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Navjot Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner in CRM-M-67766-2025.

Mr. Shivam Sachdeva, Advocate
for the petitioner in CRM-M-13563-2026.

Mr. Sahil Choudhary, Advocate



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for the petitioner in CRM-M-1800-2026.

Mr. Mannat Sibal, Advocate
for the petitioner in CRM-M-71717-2025.

Mr. Parveen Kumar Aggarwal, Addl. AG, Haryana.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (ORAL)

1. This order shall dispose of CRM-M-13563-2026, CRM-M-71717-2025 and CRM-M-1800-2026 as the petitions are interconnected and have arisen out of the same FIR. However, the lead case is CRM-M-66849-2025.
2. The instant petitions have been filed under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 439 Cr.P.C.) seeking regular bail in case FIR No.150, dated 06.04.2024, registered under Sections 365, 34 IPC (Section 364A, 452, 386, 148, 149, 120-B IPC added later on) and Section 25 of Arms Act at Police Station Pinjore, District Panchkula.
3. Incident took place on 06.04.2024, at about 9:30 PM, when the complainant-Rishi Pal was taking meal at his home. As per the allegations, 7/8 boys entered the house and by showing pistol-like weapons, sticks and rods, kidnapped him from there and forcibly put him inside a Mahindra XUV-500 car bearing registration No. HR26-CD-1731 of silver colour. At the time of occurrence, Manjit Kaur and Ashok Kumar were also sitting there. It is further alleged that the accused had reached the house of the



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complainant in three vehicles the aforesaid XUV-500, a Swift (black colour) and a Verna (white colour). After kidnapping the complainant, they proceeded towards Panchkula-Zirakpur Highway. Thereafter, the complainant was taken to some deserted place, where the accused person started demanding money from him. It is also mentioned in the FIR that while the complainant was being kidnapped, the accused persons were calling each other by their names and therefore the complainant came to know of two names, namely Anmol and Ankit. Subsequently, Manjit Kaur was called upon by the accused persons and ransom amount of Rs. 25,00,000/- was demanded from her, if she wanted to see the complainant alive. Later on, after about 2 ½ hours, the complainant was dropped near Section-21, Tau Devi Lal Stadium, Panchkula, after receipt of the ransom amount.

4. Counsel argues that the co-accused Ankit and his family members were known to Manjit Kaur, who is the one of the material witness in the present case and to whom, alleged ransom was made, while the complainant was kidnapped and being taken towards Panchkula side. It is also been pointed out that one FIR No. 159 dated 28.12.2021 registered under Sections 376, 511, 354 (A) 506, 120-B IPC Police Station Women, Panchkula was registered at the instance of Manjit Kaur against Sanjiv Kumar (Maternal uncle of co-accused



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Ankit Giri), Sunita Giri (Mother of co-accused Ankit Giri) and Kulwant Kaur (Maternal Grandmother of co-accused Ankit Giri).

5. From bail order of co-accused Ankit Giri facts therein also acknowledged. A cancellation report dated 25.08.2022 was submitted in the case FIR No. 159, dated 28.12.2021(supra). Therefore, as pointed out by the learned counsel also, the instant FIR is got registered for taking revenge primarily against the family members of co-accused Ankit Giri, by concocting the version of kidnapping.

6. As per case of the prosecution all the aforementioned accused (1)Akash, (2)Naveen, (3) Kunal) have been involved in the present case only on the basis of disclosure statement of the other accused. However, no active role was assigned to them either in the FIR or in any other statement of the witnesses. In fact the allegations which come up against all the petitioners herein states that they all were joining the unlawful assembly with the other accused.

Qua petitioner Darshan it is pointed out he is inside the jail for a period of about 8 months and was made accused after a period of 15 months of the alleged incident that too on the basis of some recording on the CCTV footage.



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7. Counsel for petitioner further argues that out 28 prosecution witnesses only 6 have been examined till date and 3 has given up. Another fact apprised to the Court that except of accused Naveen, all other three petitioners herein are being prosecuted on the basis of supplementary challan. Out of 28 prosecution witnesses only 6 of them have been examined till date and three were given up.

Admittedly, petitioner Akash who is inside the jail since 1 year 4 months. Petitioner-Naveen for 1 year 10 months and 15 days. Petitioner Darshan for the last more than period of 8 months and Kunal 1 year, 10 months and 18 days . As disclosed herein, major number of witnesses are yet to be examined whereas other co-accused namely Arun Beniwal @ Arun @ Jagira and Ankit Giri have already been released on bail by this Order vide order dated 20.11.2025.

8. Looking at the facts as narrated and recorded herein, also some of the facts being noticed in the bail order dated 20.11.2025, this Court does not find that petitioners can be detained inside the jail for an indefinite period as the conclusion trial is likely to take considerable time.

Thus, considering the totality of circumstances, custody period and the progress of trial, including the fact that their further detention will not serve any useful purpose, this court is satisfied that



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a case for grant of regular bail is made out.

Consequently, prayer made in the present petitions are allowed. Petitioners are ordered to be released on bail, subject to their furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Illaqa Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned, if not required in any other case.

Needless to observe that the petitioners shall not extend any threat and shall not influence any prosecution witness in any manner directly or indirectly.

The observation made here-in-above shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the facts of the case and the Trial Court is expected to decide the case on the basis of complete evidence available on record.

Petitions stand disposed of.

Pending misc. application(s), if any, also stand disposed of.

April 06, 2026
Poonam Sharma

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

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