

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

2026:PHHC:057154



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CRM-M-15565-2026
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Satnam Singh ...Petitioner

V/s

State of Punjab ...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Dr. D.S. Chahal, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Adhiraj Singh, AAG, Punjab.

Dr. Anmol Rattan Sidhu, Senior Advocate with
Mr. Vishal Sharma, Advocate,
Ms. Surekha, Advocate and Mr. Ravinder Vohra, Advocate
for the complainant.

SUMEET GOEL, J. (ORAL)

1. Prayer in the present petition filed under Section 483 of BNSS 2023 is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 212 dated 10.11.2025 under Sections 115(2), 109, 61(2), 351(3) & 3(5) of BNS, 2023 and Section 27 of the Arms Act, registered at Police Station Jamalpur, District Ludhiana.

2. The case set up in the FIR in question (as set out by the petitioner in the present petition) is as follows:-

“Statement of Parandeep Singh son of Lakhvir Singh resident of H.No.220, village Mundian Kalan, Ludhiana, aged about 32 years, Mobile No.8725000023. Stated that I am a resident of the above address and engaged in agriculture work. Today, on 10/11/2025, at around 12-12:30 PM, I went with my uncle Karanjit Singh and my friend Amarjit Bama to sow wheat crop in our land of about 7 and a half kille which is situated in Village Bhamian Kalan along with a tractor. When we were plowing the land to sow wheat crop in our land, Tajinder Singh son of Jaswant Singh resident of H.No.53, village Bhamian Kalan, Ludhiana and 2 other people with him, one shorn hair person and one Sikh person, came in a white colored Creta car No.PB10-JX-1350 and as soon as they arrived, Tajinder Singh son of Jaswant Singh got down from the car, who was holding a pistol in his hand and the people with him also got out of the car. Tajinder Singh and 2 persons who came with him raised lalkaras that today we should not leave them and have to kill because they have come to plow our land. Tajinder Singh held a pistol in his hand and fired directly at me with the intention of killing me. I was saved by lowering my head and I ran towards the wall to save my life. Then he fired another shot behind me. I started running in a zig zag manner and saved myself then he fired one more shot and I lay down on the ground due to which I was saved. I ran to the meter room built in my land. Then Tajinder Singh and 2 persons who came with him surrounded me, my uncle Karanjit Singh and my friend Amarjit Bama and started beating in a motor room. During this, Amarjit Bama fell on the ground. The accused kicked him. I raised alarm by saying mar ditta mar ditta. Then other people started gathering, on which Tajinder Singh son of Jaswant Singh and 2 persons who came with him fled away from the spot alongwith their respective weapons and vehicle, by extending life threats, I can recognize 2 persons who came with Tajinder Singh when they come in front. In the meantime, Lakhwinder Singh son of Mohan Singh, Satpal Singh son of Gurmej Singh, who used to work near my fields, also came to the spot, who took Amarjit Bama to the Civil Hospital, Ludhiana for treatment. Today, I came to you and got recorded the statement, heard which is correct. I am aggrieved. Legal action should be taken. Sd/- Parandeep Singh No.87250-00023. Attested Sd/- Harmeet Singh ASI Police Post Mundian Kalan, Station Jamalpur, Ludhiana, dated Police 10.11.2025”

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner has argued that the petitioner is in custody since 10.11.2025. Learned counsel has further submitted that the petitioner has been falsely implicated into the FIR in question on account of a land dispute. Learned counsel has further submitted that *assuming arguendo*, the prosecution version available at this juncture is taken to be correct, the petitioner is alleged to have been present at the spot and his licenced firearm is alleged to have been used in the crime in question, but the petitioner has not been ascribed any overt act or specific role, as regards FIR in question. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner has further submitted that the petitioner has suffered incarceration for more than 5 months. He has further submitted that the culmination of the trial will take long, as even charge is yet to be framed. Thus, regular bail is prayed for.

4. Learned State counsel and learned senior counsel for the complainant have opposed the grant of bail to the petitioner by arguing that the allegations raised are serious in nature and, thus, the petitioner does not deserve the concession of regular bail. They have further urged that in case the petitioner is afforded the concession of regular bail, there is all the likelihood that he may abscond from the process of law as also intimidate the witnesses.

5. I have heard counsel for the parties and have gone through the available records of the case.

6. The petitioner was arrested on 10.11.2025 and is in continuous custody since then. Challan, upon culmination of investigation, was presented on 12.01.2026. Total 18 prosecution have been cited and it is the

conceded position before this Court out of which none has been examined till date. It is not in dispute that the conclusion of trial will take long time. The rival contentions of the learned counsel for the parties; as to the whether the petitioner has been falsely implicated into the FIR, shall be gone into during the course of trial. This Court does not deem it appropriate to delve deep into these rival contentions, at this stage lest it may prejudice the rights of either of the parties. Nothing tangible has been brought forward to indicate the likelihood of the petitioner absconding from the process of justice or interfering with the remaining prosecution evidence.

7. Further, as per the custody certificate dated 15.04.2026 filed by the learned State counsel, the petitioner has already suffered incarceration for a period of 5 months and 1 day & is not shown to be involved in any other FIR.

Suffice to say, the further detention of the petitioner in custody is not required in the facts and circumstances of the case.

8. In view of above, the petition in hand is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned concerned CJM/Duty Magistrate. However, in addition to conditions that may be imposed by the concerned CJM/Duty Magistrate, the petitioner shall remain bound by the following conditions:-

- (i) The petitioner shall not mis-use the liberty granted.
- (ii) The petitioner shall not tamper with any evidence, oral or documentary, during the trial.

- (iii) The petitioner shall not absent himself on any date before the trial.
- (iv) The petitioner shall not commit any offence while on bail.
- (v) The petitioner shall deposit his passport, if any, with the trial Court.
- (vi) The petitioner shall give his cell phone number to the Investigating Officer/SHO of concerned Police Station and shall not change his cell-phone number without prior permission of the trial Court/Illaqa Magistrate.
- (vii) The petitioner shall not in any manner try to delay the trial.

9. In case of breach of any of the aforesaid conditions and those which may be imposed by concerned CJM/Duty Magistrate as directed hereinabove or upon showing any other sufficient cause, the State/complainant shall be at liberty to move cancellation of bail of the petitioner.

10. Ordered accordingly.

11. Nothing said hereinabove shall be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

12. Since the main case has been decided, pending miscellaneous application, if any, shall also stands disposed off.

(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

April 16, 2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned:
Whether reportable:

Yes/No
Yes/No