

210 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH



CRM-M-15837-2026 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 27.03.2026

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... PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA

... RESPONDENT

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.S.GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Balraj Gujjar, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Rakesh Kumar Jangra, A.A.G., Haryana.

H.S. GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner is seeking regular bail under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (439 of Cr.P.C.) in FIR No.179 dated 08.06.2024, registered under Sections 148 (191 (3) of BNS), 149 (190 of BNS), 323 (115 of BNS), 324 (118 of BNS), 341 (126 of BNS) and 506 (351 of BNS) of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (Section 302 (103 (1) of BNS) and 326 (118 of BNS) of the IPC were added later on) at Police Station Hathin, Palwal, District Palwal.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 07.06.2024, one Afjal was encircled by the accused persons on his way to Hathin with illegal weapons and was inflicted injuries by the petitioner along with the co-accused. Later on, Afjal succumbed to his injuries on 10.06.2024 during treatment. It is further the case of the prosecution that petitioner gave lathi blows on the face of the deceased.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the present case. The fatal injuries have been specifically attributed to the co-accused Saleem and Azroo. Moreover, co-accused Akil, Aamir, Aabid, Asgar and Akhtar have already been granted bail by the Co-Ordinate Bench of this Court vide

orders dated 27.10.2025, 27.11.2025, 05.12.2025 and 20.01.2026 passed in CRM-M-19074-2025, CRM-M-11069-2025, CRM-M-65468-2025, CRM-M-67560-2025 and CRM-M-70434-2025 respectively and co-accused Sahid has also been granted bail by the learned trial Court vide orders dated 16.02.2026. He further submits that the petitioner is in custody for the last 01 year, 06 months and 13 days and is not involved in any other case. He, thus, prays for grant of bail to the petitioner.

4. Per contra, learned State counsel vehemently opposes the prayer for grant of regular bail to the petitioner on the ground of gravity of allegations. Learned State counsel has filed the custody certificate in Court, which is taken on record. He further submits that as per the custody certificate, the petitioner is in custody for the last 01 year, 06 months and 13 days and out of total cited 33 prosecution witnesses, only 01 witness has been examined so far.

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

6. After hearing the rival contentions of the learned counsel for the parties and keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the case that the co-accused have already been granted bail by the Co-Ordinate Bench of this Court; the petitioner is in custody for the last 1 year, 06 months and 13 days; he is not involved in any other case and out of total cited 33 prosecution witnesses, only 01 witness has been examined so far and continuous detention of the petitioner would not serve the ends of justice, this Court deems it fit to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioner during the pendency of the trial. Moreover, *'bail is rule and jail is exception'*.

7. Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the

case, the instant petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing requisite bail bonds, surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Chief Judicial Magistrate concerned.

8. Nothing discussed hereinabove shall be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

9. It is clarified that while on bail so granted through the instant order the petitioner is found indulging in any other criminal case, it shall be open to the State to seek cancellation of his bail.

27.03.2026
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(H.S.GREWAL)
JUDGE

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