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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

1. CRM-M-18084-2026

Baljeet Singh @ BittuPetitioner

versus

State of Punjab Respondent

2. CRM-M-12296-2026 (O&M)

Sujain ShahPetitioner

versus

State of PunjabRespondent

Date of decision: 07.05.2026

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present :- Mr. Mandeep Nagpal, Advocate (in CRM-M-18084-2026)
Mr. Samay Singh Sandhawalia, Advocate
(in CRM-M-12296-2026)
for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Raj Karan Singh, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Kuldeep Singh Saini, Advocate (in CRM-M-12296-2026)
for the complainant.

RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

1. By way of this common order, this Court intend to dispose
of abovesaid two petitions as they have arisen out of the same FIR.



2. Petitioners have approached this Court by way of present petitions praying for granting them regular bail in case DDR No.19 dated 31.08.2025, under Sections 109, 351(2), 190, 191(3), 125a, 118(2), 105, 238 of BNS and Section 27 of the Arms Act added later on, registered under FIR No.140 dated 29.08.2025, under Sections 115(2), 118(1), 109, 351(2), 190, 191(3), 125(a) of BNS and Sections 25, 54, 59 of the Arms Act at Police Station Anandpur Sahib, District Ropar.

3. Succinctly, facts of the case are that initially, FIR No.140 dated 29.08.2025 was lodged on the statement of Balwant Singh against Dharamvir Singh @ Raja and others. Further DDR No.19 dated 31.08.2025 was entered on the statement of Vikas Sharma @ Billa (complainant) against Sujain Shah (petitioner in CRM-M-12296-2026) and others alleging therein that he works as a private contractor in Railways. It was alleged that on 28.08.2025 at night, he received a phone call from Arshi of village Mataur that they were present at Chai Hacker Caffé, Anandpur Sahib. On this, he reached at Bus Stand, Sri Anandpur Sahib in his Fortuner Car bearing registration No.PB-65AS-2222 at about 11.30 P.M. where, Neeraj, Channi, Vishal, Arshi, Raja, Maninder Singh and Mani were already present there with their XUV vehicle. Vishal, Arshi, Neeraj and Channi armed with their swords got down from their car and went to Chai Hacker Cafe where, Sujain Shah, Bittu (petitioner in CRM-M-18084-2026), Balwant Singh @ Lavi alongwith 2/3 unidentified persons were already sitting in the said Cafe with whom Arshi had an altercation. After this heating argument, they started attacking with chairs



and swords. During the fight, both the petitioners with an intention of killing, started firing with their respective weapons. Bittu fired at the ground with his pistol whereas, Sujain Shah fired directly outside and one of the fire hit the stomach of Neeraj and second fire hits Arshi. Arshi also took out his pistol from his vehicle and fired in the air. Thereafter, Sujain Shah, Bittu and Balwant Singh @ Lavi alongwith 2/3 unidentified persons fled away alongwith their respective weapons in their vehicle after extending threats. They took Neeraj to the Civil Hospital, Rupnagar from where, he was referred to PGI, Chandigarh where the doctors declared him dead during his treatment on 15.10.2025. Thus, request was made to take legal action against the culprits. The FIR was registered and investigation commenced and petitioner-Baljeet Singh @ Bittu was arrested on 16.10.2025 and petitioner-Sujain Shah was arrested on 15.10.2025. They approached the Court of learned Additional Sessions Judge, Rupnagar, praying for grant of regular bail. However, after hearing both the sides, the learned Court finding no merit in the same, dismissed the bail applications filed by the petitioners vide orders dated 26.02.2026 and 16.02.2026, respectively. Being aggrieved, the petitioners are before this Court by way of filing the present petitions praying for grant of regular bail.

4. It has been vehemently contended by counsel for the petitioners that the petitioners have been falsely and frivolously implicated in the present cases. It is submitted that the alleged incident took place on the intervening night of 28/29.08.2025 and the DDR



against the petitioners was registered after the delay of more than 68 hours of the alleged incident. It is further submitted that no injury has been attributed to the petitioners and they have fired in their defence. Moreover, as per the statement of the sister of the deceased, namely, Neeraj Kumar, the deceased succumbed to death on 15.10.2025 i.e after a delay of about 48 days from the alleged incident dated 28.08.2025, due to multiple ailments and cardio vascular disease and not because of the alleged incident. To support their contention, they have placed reliance upon the death certificate Annexure P-5. As such, the petitioners deserve to be granted granted regular bail.

5. *Per contra*, learned State counsel assisted by learned counsel for the complainant has placed on record the status report dated 06.05.2026 by way of an affidavit of Mr. Jashandeep Singh Mann, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sri Anandpur Sahib, District Rupnagar, Punjab, in CRM-M-12296-2026 and vehemently opposed the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioners. He has submitted that serious allegations have been levelled against the petitioners that they in connivance with other accused persons, have actively participated in the occurrence and inflicted injuries upon the deceased namely, Neeraj, which were declared as firearm injuries by the concerned doctor of Civil Hospital Sri Anandpur Sahib. To support his contention, he has placed reliance upon the medico-legal report Annexure R-1. He has further submitted that a pistol of .30 bore along with magazine and arm license in the name of Baljit Singh @ Bittu were taken



into police possession and after investigation, the final report under Section 193 BNS was presented to the Court of competent jurisdiction on 06.11.2025 which is pending before the learned Additional Sessions Judge, Rupnagar for 14.05.2026. He thus, has submitted that no case for the grant of regular bail to the petitioners is made out and the present petitions deserve to be dismissed.

6. After hearing learned counsel for the parties and perusing the record, it is deciphered that the petitioners were named in the FIR. There are serious allegations against the petitioners that they along with other accused persons caused injuries to Neeraj Kumar, Vishal, Arshi and Channi and one of the bullet hit in the abdomen of deceased, namely, Neeraj Kumar and another brushed the face and shoulder of Arshi. The cause of death given by the doctors is “septicemia in a case of perforation of due to gunshot injury to the abdomen”. The petitioner- namely, Sujain Shah was carrying illicit firearm and attempted to kill Neeraj Kumar, Vishal, Arshi and Channi. Moreover, material witnesses of the case including complainant and injured are yet to be examined and therefore, custodial interrogation of the petitioners is essential in the present cases to unearth the truth. Custody certificate filed by the State shows that the petitioners have undergone incarceration of 06 months and 18 days as on 06.05.2026. There are two more FIRs registered against petitioner-Baljeet Singh @ Bittu. As submitted, challan is presented and charges are yet to be framed.



7. Keeping in view the above said position, this Court does not find any ground to release the petitioners on bail, at this stage. Petitions stand dismissed. Nothing said herein shall be treated as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

07.05.2026
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(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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