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

214**CRM-M-17532-2026**

Date of Decision: 14.05.2026

Sandeep Singh and another

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

214a**CRM-M-17600-2026**

Date of Decision: 14.05.2026

Vishal Mehra @ Bhoot

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

220**CRM-M-19575-2026**

Date of Decision: 14.05.2026

Navdeep Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present: Mr. Ankit Bishnoi, Advocate for
Mr. Balbir Singh Jaswal, Advocate,
for the petitioner in CRM-M-17532-2026.

Mr. Rakesh Sobti, Advocate, for the petitioners
in CRM-M-17600-2026 and
CRM-M-19575-2026.

Mr.Raj Karan Singh, AAG, Punjab.

Rajesh Bhardwaj, J. (ORAL)

1. By this order, the three above-mentioned petitions are disposed of, both having arisen out of the same FIR.

2. Petitioners have approached this Court by way of filing the present petitions praying for grant of regular bail to them in case FIR No.185 dated 27.06.2025, under Sections 103 of BNS (Sections 113(2), 249(A), 253(A), 61(2) and Section 25/54/59 of the Arms Act added later on), registered at Police Station Civil Lines Batala, District Gurdaspur.

3. Succinctly, facts of the present case are that the FIR in the present case has been lodged on the statement of complainant, namely, Prem

Singh. It was alleged that on 26.06.2025, his eldest son Karanbir Singh



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along with Harjit Kaur, who was their relative, had gone to Khadoor Sahib to pay obeisance in a Scorpio vehicle. After paying obeisance, Karanbir Singh proceeded to drop Harjit Kaur at her residence situated in Urban Estate, Batala and when Karanbir Singh stopped the vehicle in front of the house of Harjit Kaur, two young men on a motorcycle came from behind at a high speed and opened fire and caused injuries to both Karanbir Singh and Harjit Kaur. Both injured were shifted to Civil Hospital, Batala for treatment where the doctor declared Karanbir Singh dead and referred Harjit Kaur to Guru Nanak Dev Hospital, Amritsar however, her family members took her to ESCORT Hospital, Amritsar, where she was also declared dead. Thus, request was made to take legal action against the culprits. The FIR was registered. On registration of FIR, investigation commenced. During investigation, complicity of the petitioners surfaced on the basis of disclosure statement of co-accused and hence, petitioner, namely, Sandeep Singh and Mani Singh (in CRM-M-17532-2026) were arrested on 04.08.2025 and 11.07.2025, petitioner Vishal Mehra @ Bhoot (in CRM-M-17600-2026) was arrested on 08.10.2025 and petitioner Navdeep Singh, (in CRM-M-19575-2026) was arrested on 07.10.2025. On completion of investigation, challan was presented and on framing of charges, the trial commenced. Petitioners approached the learned Sessions Judge, Gurdaspur, for grant of bail, however, after hearing both the sides, the said relief was declined to them vide orders dated 26.08.2025, 03.11.2025, 13.03.2026, and 20.02.2026, respectively. Being aggrieved, petitioners are before this Court by way of filing the present petitions for grant of concession of regular bail.



4. Learned counsel for the petitioners, at the outset, prays for the grant of bail to the petitioners on the basis of parity with that of the co-accused, namely, Rajat Kumar @ Rajat @ Apple, Sharanjit Singh @ Sunny, Manjeet Kaur, Kharak Singh @ Ladi. He has drawn the attention of this Court to the order dated 17.03.2026 passed in **CRM-M-54583-2025** and other connected cases, whereby, co-accused Rajat Kumar @ Rajat @ Apple, Sharanjit Singh @ Sunny, Manjeet Kaur, Kharak Singh @ Ladi, have been granted regular bail by this Court. He submits that on the basis of the parity, the petitioners deserve to be granted bail as the case of the petitioners is similar to that of the said co-accused, who have already been granted bail.

4. Learned State counsel has endorsed the factum of grant of bail to the co-accused of the petitioners as stated above and has not denied that the petitioner is at par with the co-accused, namely, Rajat Kumar @ Rajat @ Apple, Sharanjit Singh @ Sunny, Manjeet Kaur, Kharak Singh @ Ladi. He has placed on record the custody certificate of the petitioners.

5. After hearing learned counsel for the parties and perusing the record, it is deciphered that the petitioners are behind the bars from the date of their arrest. Co-accused, namely, Rajat Kumar @ Rajat @ Apple, Sharanjit Singh @ Sunny, Manjeet Kaur, Kharak Singh @ Ladi are on bail and as stated before this Court, case of the petitioners is at par with that of the co-accused. Custody certificate of petitioner Sandeep Singh shows that he has suffered incarceration of 09 months & 09 days as on 13.05.2026 and he has no criminal antecedents. Custody certificate of petitioner Mani Singh shows that he has suffered incarceration of 09 months & 29 days as on 13.05.2026 and he has no criminal antecedents. Custody certificate of petitioner Vishal Mehra @ Bhoot shows that he has suffered incarceration of



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07 months as on 13.05.2026 and he is involved in one more case, however, he is on bail. Custody certificate of petitioner Navdeep Singh shows that he has suffered incarceration of 07 months as on 13.05.2026 and he has no criminal antecedents.

6. The veracity of the allegations would be assessed only after the conclusion of the trial and on the appreciation of evidence to be led by both the parties before the trial Court. This Court would refrain itself from commenting anything on the merits of the case. The trial of the case will take sufficient long time. Keeping in view the arguments raised by both the sides and perusing the record, this Court is of the opinion that learned counsel for the petitioners succeed in making out a case for grant of regular bail to the petitioners on the basis of parity.

7. Accordingly, the present petitions are allowed and the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail on their furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

8. Nothing said herein shall be treated as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

14.05.2026

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Whether Speaking/Reasoned :
Whether Reportable :

Yes/No
Yes/No

(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE