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

**CRM-M-18650-2026
Date of Decision: 13.05.2026**

Saroj Rani and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present :- Mr. P.K.S. Phoolka, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Raj Karan Singh, A.A.G., Punjab.

RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

1. Present petition has been filed praying for the grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No.150 dated 03.10.2024, under Sections 103, 109, 115(2), 117(2), 191(3), 190 of BNS, registered at Police Station Civil Lines Bathinda, District Bathinda.

2. Succinctly, facts of the case are that FIR in question was lodged on 03.10.2024 on the statement of complainant Sumit Kumar wherein it was alleged that on 02.10.2024 at about 8.00 pm, when he along with his friend Tushar and Sahil was walking in the street, there was a lady namely, Saroj (petitioner No.1) w/o Ramesh Sahni @ Rambo came from behind on her scooty and started arguing with the complainant for not giving her space to pass by in the street. Due to the same, argument shoot up and she called her family members. It was alleged that thereafter, husband of Saroj, namely, Ramesh Sahni @ Rambo, his son Majnu Sahni, Laxmi (petitioner No.2) D/o Majnu Sahni, attacked Sahil with a wooden stick. He hit Sahil in the middle of



his head. When the complainant went forward to rescue him, co-accused, namely, Prabhu hit on his head with the bat with an intention to kill him. When the accused party was beating the complainant and his friends, accused Poonam, Maya and 7/8 unknown persons came there with sticks and gave them beatings. When the complainant and his friends raised hue and cry for their rescue, all the assailants ran away from the spot with their respective weapons. Thereafter, injured were shifted to the Civil Hospital, Bathinda for treatment. However, Sahil succumbed to the injuries. Thus, request was made to take legal action against the culprits. On the registration of the FIR, investigation commenced. The petitioners were arrested on 03.10.2024. On completion of investigation, challan was presented and trial commenced. The petitioners approached the Court of Addl. Sessions Judge, Bathinda praying for grant of regular bail. However, after hearing both the sides, the learned Court finding no merit in the same, dismissed the bail application filed by the petitioners vide orders dated 12.03.2026. Hence, the petitioners are before this Court by way of filing present petition for grant of bail.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners, at the outset, submits that he does not want to press the present petition qua petitioner No.1-Saroj Rani, at this stage.

4. Thus, the present petition qua petitioner No.1-Saroj Rani, stands dismissed as not pressed, at this stage.

5. Learned counsel for petitioner-Lachhmi, at the outset, prays for the grant of bail on the basis of parity with that of the co-accused. He has drawn the attention of this Court to the common order dated 19.02.2026 passed by this Court in **CRM-M-63270-2025** and **CRM-M-63642-2025**, whereby co-accused of the petitioner, namely, Poonam Dass and Maya, have been granted the concession of regular bail. He has submitted that case of the petitioner is at



par with that of the co-accused, who have been granted regular bail by this Court. He submits that on the basis of the parity, petitioner deserves to be granted bail as case of the petitioner is similar to that of the co-accused, who has already been granted regular bail.

6. Learned State counsel has vehemently opposed the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner. However, he endorsed the fact that case of petitioner-Lachhmi is at par with co-accused, namely, Poonam Dass and Maya, who have already been granted regular bail by this Court vide order dated 19.02.2026.

7. After hearing learned counsel for the parties and perusing the record, it is deciphered that the petitioner was arrested on 03.10.2024. The allegations against the petitioner was that she was part of an unlawful assembly. Admittedly, co-accused of the petitioner, namely, Poonam Dass and Maya, have already been granted regular bail by this Court vide common order dated 19.02.2026.

8. 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.

9. This Court would refrain itself from commenting anything on the merits of the case. The trial of the case will take sufficient long time. Thus, keeping in view the arguments raised by both the sides, this Court is of the opinion that learned counsel for the petitioner succeeds in making out a case for grant of regular bail to the petitioner on the basis of parity.

10. Accordingly, the present petition is allowed and petitioner-Lachhmi is ordered to be released on bail on her furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court/Duty Magistrate. Nothing said herein shall be treated as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.



11. In case the bail bonds are not furnished by the petitioner-Lachhmi during the period of 07 days from today, then her further custody period after one week will not be counted in the present case.

13.05.2026
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(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	: Yes/No
<i>Whether reportable</i>	: <i>Yes/No</i>