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

CRM-M-18707-2026

Date of decision :16.04.2026

Baljodh Singh**.....Petitioner****versus****State of Punjab****..... Respondent****CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ**

Present :- Mr. Vikram Bhaskar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. K.D. Sachdeva, DAG, Punjab.

RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

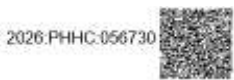
1. Present petition has been filed praying for the grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No.0047 dated 11.06.2024, under Sections 379-B, 34 of the IPC (Section 21/29/61/85 of NDPS Act added later on), registered at Police Station Raja Sansi, District Amritsar.
2. Succinctly, facts of the case are that on 11.06.2024, the police party while on patrolling received a secret information to the effect that three persons snatched a gold chain and are riding on a motorcycle and in case of barricading, they could be arrested. On receiving the information, the Police party registered an FIR under Section 379-B read with Section 34 IPC and barricading was done at the place disclosed. A motorcycle was seen coming, on which three persons were riding. They all were stopped. On asking, the rider of the motorcycle disclosed his name to be Kuldeep Singh @ Keepu, the person sitting in the middle disclosed his name to be Yakub Masih @ Yaqub, whereas the third person sitting on the motorcycle disclosed his name to be Baljit Singh. Their search was conducted and on conducting search, nothing was recovered from Kuldeep Singh @ Keepu, one iron Daat was recovered from Yakun Masih @ Yaqub, whereas, from Baljit Singh, one gold



chain was recovered. All three were arrested on the spot. On completion of the investigation, the challan was presented and on framing of charges, the trial commenced. During investigation, complicity of the petitioner surfaced on the basis of disclosure statement of co-accused and petitioner was arrested. Petitioner approached the Court of learned Additional Sessions Judge, Amritsar 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 petitioner vide order dated 02.01.2026. Hence, being aggrieved, petitioner is before this Court praying for grant of regular bail by way of filing the present petition.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner, at the outset, prays for the grant of bail on the basis of parity with that of co-accused, namely, Yakub Mahis @ Yaqup and Kuldeep Singh @ Keepu. He has drawn the attention of this Court to the common order passed by this Court in CRM-M-48762-2025 and CRM-M-53063-2025 of even date 10.03.2026 whereby co-accused of the petitioner, namely, Yakub Mahis @ Yaqup and Kuldeep Singh @ Keepu have been granted the concession of regular bail. He has submitted that case of the petitioner is at par with the co-accused, who have been granted bail by this Court. He has further submitted that on the basis of the parity, the petitioner deserves to be granted bail. He has also submitted that the petitioner is behind the bars from last more than 1½ years.

4. Per contra, learned State counsel has opposed the submissions made by counsel for the petitioner. However, he has endorsed the fact that case of the petitioner is at par with co-accused, namely, Yakub Mahis @ Yaqup and Kuldeep Singh @ Keepu, who have already been granted bail by this Court. On instructions, he has submitted that challan has been filed and charges have been framed. He has produced custody certificate of petitioner, today in the Court, which is taken on record.



5. After hearing learned counsel for the parties and perusing the record, it is deciphered that the petitioner is behind bars since the date of his arrest. The custody certificate produced would show that petitioner has suffered incarceration of 01 year, 09 months and 30 days as on 15.04.2026. It further reflects that though the petitioner is involved in 03 more cases however, in 01 case, he is on bail and in 02 cases, he has been acquitted. Admittedly, co-accused of the petitioner, namely, Yakub Mahis @ Yaqup and Kuldeep Singh @ Keepu who were named in the FIR have already been granted bail by this Court vide common order dated 10.03.2026.

6. The veracity of the allegations would be assessed only after conclusion of the trial and on the appreciation of evidence to be led by both the parties before the trial Court. The trial of the case will take sufficiently 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 petitioner succeeds in making out a case for grant of regular bail on the basis of parity with co-accused, Yakub Mahis @ Yaqup and Kuldeep Singh @ Keepu who have already been granted regular bail by this Court vide order of even date 10.03.2026 passed in CRM-M-48762-2025 and CRM-M-53063-2025. Accordingly, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his 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.

16.04.2026
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(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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