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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Date of decision: 08.04.2026

RAM PAL ...APPELLANT

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA ...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON’BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL
HON’BLE MRS. JUSTICE RAMESH KUMARI

Present: Mr. Vinod Ghai, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. Arnav Ghai, Advocate;
Mr. Arjun Sheoran, Advocate and
Mr. Tejasvi Sheokan, Advocate for the appellant.

Ms. Sheenu Sura, DAG, Haryana.

FIR No.	Dated	Police Station	Sections
428	18.11.2014	Barwala, District Hisar	114, 121, 121-A, 123, 307, 332, 333, 323, 342, 353 and 435 of IPC, Sections 16, 22-C of UAPA, Sections 3, 4(a). 4(b) of Explosive Substance Act, Sections 3 & 4 of PDPP Act and Sections 25, 27 & 30 of Arms Act

RAMESH KUMARI, J. (ORAL)

1. The appellant/accused has filed the instant appeal against the impugned order dated 25.09.2025 passed by the Court of learned Additional Sessions Judge, Hisar, whereby his application for regular bail has been dismissed.
2. The above noted FIR was registered against the appellant/accused along with more than 900 co-accused at the instance of Inspector Anil Kumar to

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the effect that accused Ram Pal had made a shield of 600/700 ladies and children in front of the gate of Satlok Ashram and about 1500/2000 young persons on the roof of Satlok Ashram to prohibit the entrance of the complainant and other police officials for execution of his warrant of arrest issued by this Court. The young persons on the roof of the Ashram were carrying sticks, some of them were having guns also. Announcement was made on the loudspeakers that there was arrest warrant for arrest of present accused and everyone should follow the law but those persons threatened that they would die or kill but would not allow appellant/accused to be arrested and for that police had to walk on their dead bodies. The mob also pelted stones on the police officials. With an intention to kill the police officials, some persons among the mob started firing gun shots and pelted petrol bomb and sat JCB ablaze. To maintain law and order, police party fired tear gas shells to disperse the crowd peacefully, water canons were also opened but the mob caused damage to number of police vehicles and pelted stones. ASI Rakesh Kumar, driver of JCB Vender Kumar also suffered injuries.

3. Learned counsel for the Senior Counsel for the appellant/accused submits that the appellant/accused is 75 years of age and about 900 accused have already been granted regular bail by this Court. Out of these co-accused, 140 co-accused had been charged under the same Sections as the appellant/accused. Out of a total of 425 prosecution witnesses, only 58 have been examined so far. The trial is not likely to conclude in the near future. Learned Senior counsel further submits that the appellant/accused is behind bars since 08.12.2014. Learned Senior counsel further submits that accused was convicted in a case under Sections 343, 302 and 120-B of IPC and the

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sentence imposed upon him vide order dated 17.10.2018 pursuant to judgment of conviction dated 11.10.2018 has since been suspended vide order dated 02.09.2025. Learned Senior counsel further submits that the appellant/accused undertakes to abide by any conditions as may be imposed upon him.

4. Learned State counsel has vehemently opposed the prayer made by learned Senior counsel for the appellant/accused on the ground that the allegations against the appellant/appellant are serious in nature and in order to avoid his arrest, he gathered his followers, who pelted stones and fired at the police party. As such, he is not entitled to the concession of regular bail.
5. Learned State counsel has filed the custody certificate of the appellant/accused in the Court today and the same is taken on record. As per the custody certificate, since his arrest on 08.12.2014, the appellant/accused has remained in custody and he has undergone total custody for a period of 11 years, 03 months and 21 days as on 28.03.2026. The appellant/accused is about 75 years of age and the remaining co-accused have already been released on regular bail. It is conceded that after presentation of challan against the appellant/accused and co-accused, out of total 425 cited prosecution witnesses, only 58 have been examined so far and the conclusion of trial is likely to take some time as the prosecution is yet to examine the remaining witnesses.
6. Considering the long incarceration of the appellant/accused which is more than 11 years and his age being about 75 years and that majority of the witnesses are yet to be examined on account of which, the trial is not likely to be concluded in near future, it is a fit case to release the appellant/accused in regular bail.



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- 7. As such, while accepting the appeal, the impugned order is set aside and the appellant/accused is ordered to be released on regular bail subject to his furnishing adequate bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/Duty Judge/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned.
- 8. The appellant/accused is however, directed not to promote any kind of “mob mentality” and to avoid participating in congregations where there is any kind of tendency amongst “disciples” or participants to cause breach in peace, law and order.
- 9. Needless to mention that in case of violation of condition of bail or in case appellant/accused is found to be indulging in activities having trappings of inciting others to commit any offence, it shall be open to State to take steps for cancellation of bail.
- 10. Pending application(s), if any, is/are also dismissed.
- 11. Any observation made herein above while deciding this bail application shall have no bearing on the merits of the case.

[GURVINDER SINGH GILL]
JUDGE

[RAMESH KUMARI]
JUDGE

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