

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

119	<u>CRM-M-22549-2025</u>
Kanwaljit Kaur	... Petitioner(s)
	Versus
State of Punjab	... Respondent(s)
119-2	<u>CRM-M-31915-2025(O&M)</u>
Amrik Singh	... Petitioner(s)
	Versus
State of Punjab	... Respondent(s)
119-3	<u>CRM-M-38071-2025</u>
Pardeep Kumar	... Petitioner(s)
	Versus
State of Punjab	... Respondent(s)
119-4	<u>CRM-M-43205-2025</u>
Anshuman @ Danish	... Petitioner(s)
	Versus
State of Punjab	... Respondent(s)
119-5	<u>CRM-M-34473-2025</u>
Sukhwinder Kaur	... Petitioner(s)
	Versus
State of Punjab	... Respondent(s)
119-6	<u>CRM-M-68396-2025</u>
Kulwant Singh	... Petitioner(s)
	Versus
State of Punjab	... Respondent(s)
119-7	<u>CRM-M-69343-2025</u>
Sarabjit Singh	... Petitioner(s)
	Versus
State of Punjab	... Respondent(s)

Decided on :26.02.2026
CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH
Present: Dr. Anmol Rattan Sidhu, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. Rahul, Advocate

Mr. Sumant Singh, Advocate for the petitioner(s)
(in CRM-M-38071-2025).

Mr. Harpal Singh Sidhu, Advocate and
Ms. Manjeet Kuar, Advocate for the petitioner(s)
(in CRM-M-34473, 68396, 69343-2025).

Mr. Harmanpreet Singh Mander, Advocate for
Mr. Harpreet Singh Multani, Advocate
for the petitioner(s)
(in CRM-M-31915-2025).

Mr. Amandeep Singh Manaise, Advocate
for the petitioner
(in CRM-M-22549-2025).

Mr. Vaibav Narang, Advocate for the petitioner
(in CRM-M-43205-2025)

Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (Oral)

CRM-30631-2025 in CRM-M-31915-2025

- i) Present application has been filed under Section 528 of BNSS, for addition of Section 111 of BNS, 2023 in the head note and prayer clause of the main petition i.e. CRM-M-31915-2025.
- ii) Learned counsel for the applicant-petitioner submits that during investigation vide DDR No. 19 dated 08.04.2025 Section 111 of BNS was added.
- iii) Notice of the application.
- iv) Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr. DAG, Punjab, appears on behalf of respondent/State and states that he has no objection in case the prayer made in the present application is allowed.
- v) For the reasons enumerated in the application, same is allowed. Registry is directed to do the needful.

Main cases:

1. By way of this common order all the aforementioned seven petitions are being disposed of as they arise out of one common FIR.
2. Particulars of petitioners Seeking Regular Bail in case FIR No. 18 dated 09.03.2025, Police Station Mehta, District Amritsar Rural are as under:

Sr. No.	Petitioner Name	Petition No.	FIR No. & Date	Sections Invoked	Police Station	District
1	Kawaljit Kaur	CRM-M-22549-2025	FIR No. 18 dated 09.03.2025	Sections 103(1), 3(5), 61(2), 254, 249, 247, 262, 111 of BNS and Sections 25, 54, 59 of Arms Act	Mehta	Amritsar Rural
2	Amrik Singh	CRM-M-31915-2025	FIR No. 18 dated 09.03.2025	Sections 103(1), 3(5), 61(2), 254, 249, 247 of BNS and Sections 25, 54, 59 of Arms Act (Section111 of BNS was added vide order of even date passed in CRM-30631-2025)	Mehta	Amritsar Rural
3	Pardeep Kumar	CRM-M-38071-2025	FIR No. 18 dated 09.03.2025	Sections 103(1), 3(5), 61(2) of BNS and Sections 25, 54, 59 of Arms Act (Later added: Sections 221, 111, 254, 262 of BNS)	Mehta	Amritsar Rural
4	Anshuman @ Danish	CRM-M-43205-2025	FIR No. 18 dated	Sections 103(1), 3(5)	Police Station	Amritsar Rural

			09.03.2025	of BNS and Section 25 of Arms Act (Later added: Sections 61(2), 254, 249, 247 of BNS)	Mehta	
5	Sukhwinder Kaur	CRM-M-34473-2025	FIR No. 18 dated 09.03.2025	Sections 103(1), 3(5), 61(2), 254, 221, 262, 111 of BNS and Section 25 of Arms Act (Later added: Sections 249, 247 of BNS and Sections 54, 59 of Arms Act; Section 221 of BNS deleted)	Mehta	Amritsar Rural
6	Kulwant Singh	CRM-M-68396-2025	FIR No. 18 dated 09.03.2025	Sections 103(1), 3(5), 61(2), 254, 249, 247, 262, 111 of BNS and Section 25 of Arms Act	Mehta	Amritsar Rural
7	Sarabjit Singh	CRM-M-69343-2025	FIR No. 18 dated 09.03.2025	Sections 103(1), 3(5), 61(2), 254, 249, 247, 262, 111 of BNS and Section 25 of Arms Act	Mehta	Amritsar Rural

3. As per the case of the prosecution, complainant Gurwinder Singh got the present FIR registered stating that on 08.03.2025, a *langar* was organized for the village community, in which he along with his brother Varinder Pal Singh @ Vicky was serving as a volunteer. At about 2:35 p.m., three young men arrived on a motorcycle with their faces

uncovered. After stopping the motorcycle, the two pillion riders allegedly pushed Varinder Pal Singh @ Vicky to the ground, and thereafter all three of them started firing at him while he was lying on the ground.

On the third day of investigation, i.e., 10.03.2025, secret information was received regarding the involvement of certain persons in the crime, namely:(i) Baljinder Singh @ Dony,(ii) Jobanjit Singh @ Billa Arjan Manga,(iii) Manu,(iv) Kaushal Chaudhary,(v) Joban Saidoke,(vi) Prabh Dasuwal, (vii) Gurwinder Singh @ Faridi,(viii) Gagandeep Singh @ Daddi,(ix) Ratandeep Kumar, and (x) Pardeep Kumar.

After the arrest of accused Pardeep Kumar (petitioner in CRM-M-38071-2025) on 10.03.2025, and on the basis of his disclosure statement, Kawaljeet Kaur (petitioner in CRM-M-22549-2025), Amrik Singh (petitioner in CRM-M-31915-2025), and Anshuman @ Danish (petitioner in CRM-M-43205-2025) were also implicated.

On 11.03.2025, a supplementary statement under Section 161 Cr.P.C. of complainant Gurwinder Singh was recorded, wherein three more persons, namely Sukhwinder Kaur (petitioner in CRM-M-34473-2025), Kulwant Singh (petitioner in CRM-M-68396-2025), and Sarabjit Singh (petitioner in CRM-M-69343-2025), were also arrayed as accused.

It is informed by learned counsel for the petitioners that through the supplementary statement dated 11.03.2025, a total of 13 accused were named, and during the course of investigation, as many as 33 persons were ultimately arrayed as accused.

During investigation, it further surfaced that the persons who allegedly fired collectively upon deceased Varinder Pal Singh @ Vicky were: (i) Bikramjit Singh, (ii) Sharanjeet Singh, and (iii) Bishambarjit Singh (who has since expired).

Submissions on Behalf of the Petitioners

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners argue that none of the present petitioners are alleged to have been present at the spot at the time of occurrence. Three persons allegedly involved in the actual firing, namely Bikramjit Singh, Sharanjeet Singh, and Bishambarjit Singh (since deceased), are not the petitioners before this Court.

5. Primary allegation against the petitioners is that they hatched a criminal conspiracy to eliminate deceased Varinder Pal Singh @ Vicky.

- **Qua petitioners Kawaljit Kaur and Amrik Singh**, the allegation is that they provided shelter to the shooters prior to the incident.
- **Qua petitioner Pardeep Kumar**, it is alleged that he provided SIM cards and a mobile phone allegedly used by the assailants, though no recovery has been effected.
- **Qua petitioner Anshuman @ Danish**, the allegation is that he supplied weapons to the actual assailants.

Counsel for the petitioner further submit that there were only two material witnesses, namely complainant Gurwinder Singh and

Mehnga Singh, and both have resiled from their earlier statements while deposing on oath before the Court.

To substantiate this submission, copies of the statements of complainant-Gurwinder Singh(PW1) dated 05.02.2026 and Mehnga Singh (PW-2) dated 05.02.2026 were produced in Court today. Same are taken on record. The Registry is directed to tag the same with the case file.

Submissions on Behalf of the State

6. Learned State counsel does not dispute the aforementioned factual position, including the role attributed to the accused persons. He is also unable to controvert the submission that the material witnesses, namely Gurwinder Singh and Mehnga Singh, have turned hostile and have not supported the case of the prosecution.

7. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the paper-book as well as the documents appended thereto.

8. Primary allegations of firing are against accused Bikramjit Singh, Sharanjeet Singh, and Bishambarjit Singh (since deceased). Present petitioners are not alleged to have been present at the place of occurrence. The case against them is primarily based on allegations of conspiracy and ancillary roles.

It is also a matter of record that the two material witnesses have turned hostile and have not supported the prosecution case.

Furthermore, petitioners are in custody since March 2025, i.e., for

approximately eleven months, and the trial is likely to take considerable time to conclude. In view of the above facts and circumstances, this Court finds merit in the prayer made by the petitioners.

Accordingly, present petitions are allowed. Petitioners are ordered to be released on bail, subject to their furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/ Chief Judicial Magistrate/Illaqa Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate concerned, if not required in any other case.

9. Any of the discussion done and recorded hereabove, shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the facts of the case. Therefore, trial Court is expected to decide the case by taking an independent view, on the basis of evidence available on record, as expeditiously as possible in accordance with law.

10. Petitions stand disposed of.

11. A photocopy of this order be placed on the files of other connected cases.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

26.02.2026

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No