

2026:PHHC:040927-DB



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

**CRA-D-618-2025 (O&M)
Date of decision : 16.03.2026**

Sukhwinder Singh

....Appellant

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJIV BERRY**

Present: Mr. Suneel Sharma, Advocate, (Arguing Counsel)
(Through V.C.)
and Mr. Nitin Kataria, Advocate,
for the appellant.

Mr. Salil Sabhlok, Senior DAG, Punjab.

SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE (Oral)

1. The appellant (Sukhwinder Singh), who is in custody since 21.06.2024, has filed this appeal for grant of regular bail in FIR No. 0184 dated 21.10.2023, under Sections 120-B, 121, 153 IPC; Sections 25 (7), 25 (8), 54, 59 of Arms Act and Sections 17, 18, 18-B, 20 of Unlawful Activity Prevention Act, 1967 (Sections 21C, 29/61/85 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance Act added later on), registered at Police Station, Balongi, District SAS Nagar.

2. The appellant, though was not named in the FIR, lodged on 21.10.2023, but later on the disclosure statement of co-accused Karanbir Singh, which led to discovery of

incriminating material in the shape of 320 grams heroin, .32 bore pistol and seven (07) live cartridges, was implicated and arrested on 21.06.2024. The appellant also remained absconding for a few months.

3. It is alleged by learned counsel for the appellant that the trial is being delayed, thereby causing prejudice to the appellant.

4. It is also informed that out of 27 prosecution witnesses, none has been fully examined.

5. Considering the aforesaid and the fact that incriminating material was found from the dwelling house, allegedly belonging to the appellant, this Court, for the time being, declines bail to the appellant with liberty to revisit the Court after the examination of the main witnesses or if, the trial gets further delayed, whichever is earlier.

6. With the aforesaid liberty, the appeal stands dismissed.

**(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE**

**(SANJIV BERRY)
JUDGE**

March 16, 2026
Ajay Prasher

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