

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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2026:PHHC:043318



CRM-M-23927-2025 (O&M).
Date of decision: 19.03.2026.

GURJINDER SINGH @ SONU

...Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent(s)

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present :- Mr. Nikhil Chopra, Advocate, and
Mr. Jatin Verma, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Mohit Kapoor, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

This is the first petition filed under Section 483 of the Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, seeking grant of regular bail to the
petitioner in case bearing FIR No.149 dated 11.08.2020, under Section(s)
302 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, and Sections 25, 27, 54 and
59 of the Arms Act, 1959, registered at Police Station Garhshankar, District
Hoshiarpur.

2 Custody certificate placed on record.

3 The Registry is directed to tag the same at an appropriate place.

4 The aforesaid FIR was registered on the statement of Jhalman Singh son of Budh Singh which reads thus: -

“I am a resident of abovementioned address. I have two boys. The elder son Jaswinder Singh is in England and younger son Dharminder Singh aged 27 years. I live alongwith my family at Nangal Road, Garhshankar for the last one year. My younger son Dharminder Singh was inside jail in a case of murder for the last about 22 months who has come on bail from Kapurthala Jail on 23.7.2020 who on 10.8.2020, had gone to Ludhiana alongwith his friend in order to take the goods/articles who after coming back to Nangal Road, Garshankar, was eating burger (not legible) before his friend namely Baljit Singh s/o Gurmail Singh r/o Ward No.11, Nangal Road, Garhshankar (not legible) live in the opposite street. I went to call my son then at about 8.49 pm, one swift car, white coloured came from the side of Nangal and in which, two youth having pistol were sitting there and out of which, one person was Gurjinder Singh alias Sonu s/o Surjit Singh r/o Road Majara who started firing shots upon my son while his sitting inside the shop which hit on the different parts of body of my son who while firing shots, while giving abuses sat in the same very car and fled away towards Garhshankar. I took my son to the Civil Hospital Garhshankar in the injured condition where doctor issued his MLR and had referred him to PGI. But due to critical condition, I took him to IVY Hospital Nawanshahr where my son is under treatment. This attack was done by Gurjinder Singh abovesaid alongwith his four other accomplices with intention to kill. The bone of contention is that in the year of 2018, Gurjinder Singh had quarreled with my son. Legal action be taken against him.”

5 After arguing the matter at some length, counsel for the
petitioner seeks withdrawal of the present petition at this stage.

6 The prayer is accepted.

7 It is, however, noticed by this Court that the petitioner is in
custody since 07.06.2021 and already a period of more than 4½ years has
elapsed since then. The criminal antecedents as reported by the respondent-
State reflect that apart from the instant case under Section 302 of the Indian
Penal Code, 1860, the petitioner is also facing trial in another case bearing
FIR No.190 dated 09.10.2020, under Sections 307, 302, 34 and 120-B of the
IPC, registered at Police Station Ranjit Avenue, Amritsar; FIR No.70 dated
03.07.2025, under Sections 25, 27, 54 and 59 of the Arms Act, 1959 and
under Sections 103, 190, 191(3) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023,
registered at Police Station, Pojewal, Ballachaur, District S.B.S. Nagar. He
has also been convicted in 04 criminal cases including one under Section
326 of IPC in an FIR registered at Police Station, Garhshankar. Additionally,
there were also 05 other criminal cases in which he has been acquitted.

8 Without commenting anything on the merits of the case and
further noticing that only 08 witnesses out of 22 witnesses cited by the
prosecution have been examined so far and the petitioner has been in
custody since 07.06.2021, it is deemed appropriate to direct the trial Court to
conclude the prosecution evidence expeditiously and in a time bound
manner.

9 Accordingly, the present petition is dismissed as withdrawn at
this stage. Let the remaining prosecution evidence in the aforesaid FIR be

completed within a period of six months from the date next fixed before the trial Court for recording of the evidence of the prosecution.

10 Let, copy of this order be sent to the trial Court for ensuring compliance.

March 19, 2026.
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Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

: Yes/No
: Yes/No

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE