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

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Date of Decision: 08.05.2026**

BHAI MATTI DASS**... Petitioner****Versus****STATE OF PUNJAB****...Respondent****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASJIT SINGH BEDI**

Present: Ms. Jasmine Garg, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. M.S. Toor, AAG Punjab.

JASJIT SINGH BEDI, J.

The prayer in the present petition under Section 483 BNSS, 2023 is for the grant of regular bail in case bearing FIR No.236 dated 23.09.2025 registered under Sections 109, 118(1), 115(2), 126(2), 117(2), 118(2), 190, 191(3) and 61(2) of BNS at Police Station Bhawanigarh.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner contends that taking the allegations to be correct, grievous injuries have been attributed to the petitioner. As the petitioner is a first-time offender, is in custody since 04.02.2026 but none of the 20 prosecution witnesses has been examined so far, the trial of the present case is not likely to be concluded anytime soon and therefore, he is entitled to the concession of bail.

3. On the other hand, the learned State counsel contends that all the accused including the petitioner brutally beat up the victim – Sarabjit Singh. The nature of the allegations levelled against the petitioner does not entitle him to the concession of bail. He, however concedes that the petitioner is a first-

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time offender, is in custody since 04.02.2026 and that none of the 20 prosecution witnesses has been examined so far.

4. I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

5. The veracity of the prosecution case against the petitioner and his co-accused shall be adjudicated upon during the course of the Trial. Admittedly, the petitioner is a first-time offender, in custody since 04.02.2026 but none of the 20 prosecution witnesses has been examined so far. Therefore, the Trial of the present case is not likely to be concluded anytime soon. In this situation the further incarceration of the petitioner is not required.

6. Thus without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and petitioner Bhai Matti Dass S/o Dev Singh is ordered to be released on bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned CJM/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

7. If the petitioner or his family members/associates make any attempt to contact/threaten/intimidate the witnesses in the present case, the State would be at liberty to move an application for cancellation of bail granted vide this order.

8. The petition stands disposed of.

08.05.2026

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**(JASJIT SINGH BEDI)
JUDGE****Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No
Whether reportable:- Yes/No**