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

CRM-M-25605-2026

Date of decision :12.05.2026

Gurdeep Singh @ Bhala**.....Petitioner****versus****State of Haryana****..... Respondent****CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ**

Present :- Mr. Punyaveet, Advocate;
Mr. Pranshul Dhull, Advocate and
Mr. Ritik Mohindroo, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Diya Sodhi, Sr. D.A.G., Haryana.

RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

1. Present petition has been filed praying for the grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No.269 dated 13.04.2024, under Sections 302, 120-B, 379, 427 of the IPC, registered at Police Station Sirsa City, District Sirsa.

2. Succinctly facts of the case are that the FIR has been lodged on the statement of Angrej Singh. It was alleged that the marriage of his elder sister namely, Karamjeet Kaur was solemnized with Gurjeet Singh about 16 years ago. It was alleged that his brother-in-law, namely, Gurjeet Singh was addicted to liquor and he used to quarrel and give beatings to complainant's sister Karamjeet Kaur. Since last one year, Gurjeet Singh was residing with his elder brother Harjinder Singh and his wife Manpreet alias Monika at Khairpur, Sirsa whereas, his sister and nephew Navdeep Singh were residing at Preet nagar, Gali no.11, Sirsa. It was alleged that



Gurjeet Singh oftenly used to visit at the house of complainant's sister and used to threaten his sister and his nephew to vacate the house otherwise he will kill them and Harjinder Singh and his wife Manpreet alias Monika used to support Gurjeet. On 13.04.2024, Karamjit Kaur made a call to him and told that she alongwith her friend Priyanka wife of Narender Singh, resident of Street No.14, Preet Nagar Sirsa was going from her house to Chilla Sahib Gurudwara, Sirsa via Begu Road on her scooty and at about 5:00 AM when they reached at Kalyan Nagar, Begu Road Sirsa then her husband Gurjeet Singh in order to kill her crushed them alongwith their scooty while driving truck No.HR-57-A-2325 as a result of which Priyanka died at the spot and her condition was also critical and thereafter, voice call of his sister Karamjeet Kaur stopped. His sister was got admitted in Government Hospital Sirsa with the help of ambulance where doctor keeping in view the critical condition of his sister, referred her to Agroha Medical Hospital where she breathed her last breath. It was further alleged that Gurjeet Singh with intention to kill his sister, committed the murder of complainant's sister Karamjit Kaur and her friend Priyanka, who were riding on the scooty, with his truck. It was alleged that as Gurjeet Singh was having illicit relations with his sister-in-law (Bhabhi), namely, Manpreet alias Monika, Gurjeet Singh has committed this murder after hatching a conspiracy with his brother Harjinder and his wife Manpreet alias Monika. Hence, request was made to take legal action against the accused. On the registration of the FIR, investigation commenced. During the investigation, complicity of the petitioner surfaced and thus, he was arrested on 17.04.2024. He approached the Court of learned Additional Sessions Judge, Fast Track Special Court, Sirsa, praying for grant of bail,

however, after hearing counsel for the parties and finding no merits, the



same was declined vide order dated 18.04.2026. Hence, being aggrieved, the petitioner is before this Court by way of filing the present petition.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner, at the outset, prays for the grant of bail on the basis of parity with that of the co-accused. He has drawn the attention of this Court to the order dated 30.03.2026 passed by this Court in **CRM-M-18372-2025**, whereby co-accused of the petitioner, namely, Gurjant Singh @ Janta, has been granted the concession of regular bail. He has submitted that case of the petitioner is at par with that of the co-accused, who has been granted regular bail by this Court. He submits that on the basis of the parity, petitioner deserves to be granted bail as case of the petitioner is similar to that of the co-accused, who has already been granted regular bail.

4. Learned State counsel has also opposed the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner. She has submitted that the complicity of the petitioner surfaced during investigation. She has submitted that petitioner was very much part of the conspiracy. She has contended that the present case pertains to a double murder. She has placed on record the custody certificate of the petitioner. However, she endorsed the fact that case of the petitioner is at par with co-accused, namely, Gurjant Singh @ Janta, has already been granted regular bail by this Court.

5. After hearing counsel for the parties and perusing the record, it is deciphered that the petitioner was arrayed as accused on the basis of disclosure statement of co-accused. Custody certificate filed by the State shows that the petitioner has undergone the sentence of 02 years and 22



days as on 10.05.2026. It further reflects that though the petitioner is involved in 03 more cases, however, in 02 cases, he is on bail and in 01 case, he has been acquitted. Admittedly, co-accused of the petitioner, namely, Gurjant Singh @ Janta, has already been granted regular bail by this Court vide order dated 30.03.2026. There is no gainsaying that every accused has the fundamental right of speedy trial.

6. The veracity of the allegations would be assessed only after conclusion of the trial and on the appreciation of evidence to be led by both the parties before the trial Court.

7. The Hon'ble Supreme Court in Ashim @ Asim Kumar Haranath Bhattacharya @ Asim Harinath Bhattacharya @ Aseem Kumar Bhattacharya Vs. National Investigation Agency, 2022(1) SCC 695 has held as under:

“Deprivation of personal liberty without ensuring speedy trial is not consistent with Article 21 of the Constitution of India. While deprivation of personal liberty for some period may not be avoidable, period of deprivation pending trial/appeal cannot be unduly long. At the same time, timely delivery of justice is part of human rights and denial of speedy justice is a threat to public confidence in the administration of justice.”

8. The Hon'ble Supreme Court in a recent decision dated 03.07.2024 in '**Javed Gulam Nabi Shaikh Vs. State of Maharashtra, Criminal Appeal No. 2787 of 2024**', has held that howsoever serious a crime may be, an accused has the right to speedy trial under the Constitution of India.

9. The trial of the cases will take sufficiently long time. However, keeping in view the overall facts and circumstances of the present case, this Court is of the opinion that learned counsel for the petitioner succeeds in making out a case for grant of regular bail on the



basis of parity. Accordingly, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court/Duty Magistrate. Nothing said herein shall be treated as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

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(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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