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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-27248-2026

Sunny Kant @ Sunny

....Petitioner

versus

State of Haryana

....Respondent

Date of Decision: May 13, 2026

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CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Ms. Tanya Vashist, Advocate and
Mr. S.S. Nain, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Mahima Yashpal Singla, Senior DAG Haryana.

SUMEET GOEL, J. (Oral)

Present 3rd petition has been filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (hereinafter to be referred as 'the BNSS') (erstwhile Section 438 of the Cr. P.C.) for grant of interim bail for a period of 10 days, in case bearing FIR No.135 dated 07.06.2022, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 302 IPC and Section 25(1-b)(a) of the Arms Act, 1959, at Police Station New Colony, Gurugram, to enable the petitioner to attend and perform "*barsi*" ceremony and other rituals of his deceased mother, which is scheduled from 17.05.2026 to 25.05.2026.

2. The gravamen of allegations against the petitioner is that the petitioner is an accused of killing one Manish Bhardwaj by firing 4-5 shots.

3. Learned counsel has submitted that by way of present petition, the petitioner is seeking his release on account of '*barsi*' of his mother, which is

scheduled to be held from 17.05.2026 to 24.05.2026 at House No.816/ 28, Gali No.13, Jyoti Park, Gurugram. The invitation card, in this respect, is appended as Annexure P-1 with the petition in hand. Learned counsel has urged that the petitioner is the only male member in the family to perform religious, customary and moral obligation in the '*barsi*' ceremony of his deceased mother and, thus, the presence of the petitioner is indispensable. Learned counsel has further urged that earlier the petitioner was granted concession of interim bail, vide order dated 13.05.2024 passed in **CRM-M-10902-2024** for a period of 02 weeks on account of ill health of his mother. Learned counsel has urged that the mother of the petitioner expired on 24.05.2024 and, consequently, vide order dated 07.06.2024 passed in **CRM-M-29494-2024**, the petitioner was permitted to be taken for attending the *bhog* ceremony of his deceased mother. Learned counsel has contended that the petitioner had not misused the aforesaid concession and, thus, there can be no apprehension of the petitioner going abscond, if released on interim bail. Thus, grant of interim bail to the petitioner is prayed for.

4. *Per contra*, learned State counsel has opposed the grant of petition in hand by arguing that allegations against the petitioner are serious in nature. Learned State counsel has submitted that the petitioner had killed Manish Bhardwaj by inflicting gunshot injuries and he was found in possession of one pistol with one live cartridge. It has been contended that there are all likelihood that in case, the petitioner is released on interim bail, he may abscond the process of justice. On these submissions, dismissal of the present petition is entreated for.

5. I have heard the learned counsel for the rival parties and have gone through the available record of the case.

6. As per the prosecution case and material available on record, it is borne out that serious allegations have been leveled against the petitioner. The petitioner had killed Manish Bhardwaj by causing gunshot injuries. Upon perusal of the record, it is borne out that earlier on one occasion, the petitioner was granted interim bail for 02 weeks to enable the petitioner to look after his ailing mother, and on second occasion, the petitioner to permitted to attend *bhog* ceremony of his mother. The trial is stated to be at fag end inasmuch as out of total 26 prosecution witnesses, 19 have been examined and 03 have been given up.

7. Keeping in view the entirety of the factual *milieu* of the case in hand; especially the trial being at fag end, serious allegations and specific role having been attributed to the petitioner, and the apprehension of the State that the petitioner may abscond, in case, he is granted the concession of interim bail; this Court does not find any ground to grant the petition in hand. Accordingly, the same is **dismissed**.

8. Nothing said hereinabove shall be deemed to be an expression of opinion upon merits of the case/investigation.

9. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed off.

(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

May 13, 2026

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No