



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

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CRA-D-818-2025 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 17.03.2026

KARAMBIR SINGH @ RAJA**... PETITIONER****Versus****STATE OF PUNJAB****... RESPONDENT**

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

Present:- Mr. Ruhani Chadha, Advocate for
Mr. Kashav Chadha, Advocate
for the appellant in CRA-D-818-2025.

Mr. Salil Sabhlok, Senior DAG, Punjab.

SANJIV BERRY, J.

CRM-22457-2025 in CRA-D-818-2025

1. Heard on the application for condonation of delay.
2. Keeping in view the facts and circumstances as mentioned in the application, delay of 22 days in filing of the instant appeal is allowed for the time being, subject to the final decision to be taken by the Apex Court in the case of 'Sushila Devi & Anr. vs. Union of India through NIA & Ors.', wherein the question as to whether the limitation prescribed under Section 45(2) of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 is mandatory or not, is pending consideration for 24.03.2026.

Main case

1. By way of instant appeal, appellant Karambir Singh @ Raja has challenged the order dated 01.04.2025 passed by learned Additional Sessions



Judge, SAS Nagar whereby regular bail application 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 21 C, 21/65/85 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance Act added later on), registered at Police Station, Balongi, District SAS Nagar has been dismissed.

2. Heard.

3. After considering the rival contentions and perusing the record, it transpires that the appellant was named in the FIR and was allegedly arrested by the police on 03.01.2024 and arms, ammunition along with 320 grams of heroin were recovered. After completion of investigation challan was presented in Court on 16.04.2024 and the charges were framed on 05.12.2025. The prosecution has cited 27 witnesses out of which only 2 witnesses have been examined-in-chief.

4. As per the case of the prosecution the appellant along with other co-accused had close links with the leaders of banned organisation Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) prohibited by Government of India and currently operating from across the border and in collusion with Inter Services Intelligence (ISI) of Pakistan are engaging in undermining the unity and integrity of country by orchestrating terrorist attacks. The appellant was arrested from the spot and from his possession 1 pistol .30 bore with 10 live cartridges, 55 live cartridges of .32 bore and on his disclosure statement another .32 bore pistol with 7 live cartridges along with 320 gram heroin were recovered.

5. It is the contention of the learned counsel for the appellant that the trial is being conducted at snails pace and the appellant being innocent is lingering in jail, as such he prayed for grant of bail to the appellant.



6. Per Contra learned counsel representing the State has strongly opposed these contentions by arguing that the appellant is involved in heinous criminal activities in collusion with the terrorist outfit operating from across the border as well as Inter Services Intelligence (ISI) of Pakistan designing the terrorist activities in the country, as such, the appellant does not deserve concession of bail.

7. In view of the aforesaid circumstances and also the fact that there are grave allegations against the appellant coupled with recovery of arms, ammunition and recovery of commercial quantity of narcotics from him, coupled with the fact that the appellant is also involved in other criminal cases, therefore, this Court for the time being declines the bail to the appellant, however with the liberty to revisit the Court after examination of the main witnesses in the trial or if the trial gets unnecessarily delayed.

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

(SANJIV BERRY)
JUDGE

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

Dated: 17.03.2026
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i)	Whether speaking/reasoned?	Yes/No
ii)	Whether reportable?	Yes/No