

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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2026:PHHC:048382



CRM-M-46519-2025 (O&M).

Date of decision: 27.03.2026.

MANGAL SINGH ALIAS MANGA

...Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent(s)

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

PRESENT Mr. M.S. Sachdev, Sr. Advocate, with
Mr. Anmol Agnihotri, Advocate, and
Mr. Dev Kanojia, Advocate,
for the petitioner(s).

Dr. (Ms.) Savi Nagpal, AAG, Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

This is the first petition filed under Section 483 of the Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in
case bearing FIR No.94 dated 10.07.2022, under Section(s) 307, 323, 341,
324, 148 and 149 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (Sections 302, 201, 326 and
34 of the IPC were added and Sections 148 and 149 of the IPC were deleted later
on), registered at Police Station Goraya, District Jalandhar Rural.

Status report already filed on behalf of the respondent-State is
taken on record.

Aforesaid FIR was registered on the statement of Boota

Mohammad son of Lal Chand, resident of Post Office Road, Goraya, Police Station Goraya, District Jalandhar, which reads thus: -

“I am resident of the above mentioned address and doing driving at Phillaur. I have two children. My younger son is Karandeep Mohammad. On 07.07.2022 it would be at appropriate 09:30 PM that my son Karandeep Mohammad and Ranjat son of Madan Mohan, resident of Phagwara had been going to know the well beings of my paternal aunt Jagiro, who lives at Patti Magha, Goraya and I was some behind from them. When Karandeep Mohammad and Ranjat had been crossing ahead of house of Manga Singh, then Manga Singh son of Gurnam Singh and his son Varinder Singh, Gurpreet Singh alias Gopi son of Inderjeet Singh, residents of Patti Magha, Goraya and 4/5 unidentified persons, to whom I can identify upon coming present before me at once came out from inside, who after encircling my son Karandeep Mohammad and Ranjat, Varinder Singh son of Manga Singh and Manga Singh were having sharp edged weapons and Gurpreet Singh alias Gopi was carrying iron rod in his hand, who with their respective weapons started giving blows to my son Karandeep Mohammad with the intention to commit his murder, which hit on the head and various body parts of my son and the unidentified persons also gave beatings to my son as well as Ranjat with weapons and my son after having been smeared with blood fell down on the ground and injuries were also sustained to Ranjat. My son and Ranjat raised the raula of mar ditta mar ditta and on hearing raula, I came at the spot. The above mentioned assailants on seeing me fled away from the spot along with their respective weapons. I after making arrangement of a conveyance took Karandeep Mohammad to Civil Hospital Phagwara for treatment, to whom the doctor did not admit on account of having more injuries, to whom we got admitted at JohalHospital, Rama Mandi, Jalandhar for treatment, where my

son is under treatment. The motive behind the occurrence is that on 07.07.2022 at about 6:00 PM, minor altercation of Sunny son of Dharminder, resident of Goraya and Varinder Singh had taken place. My son Karandeep Mohammad is friend of Sunny. Due to this grudge only, the above mentioned persons after having been connived with each other have inflicted injuries to my son and Ranjat with the weapons. I am responsible. Legal action may kindly be taken against them. The statement has been got recorded, heard, the same is correct. Sd/- in Punjabi Boota, Attested Sd/- in Punjabi Jaswinder Pal, SI, Police Station Goraya.”

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. He contends that notwithstanding that the petitioner has been attributed two injuries i.e. one simple injury on the knee of Karan Mohammad (deceased) and one grievous injury on the left elbow of the injured witness. He contends that the petitioner is in custody since 11.07.2022 and he has already undergone an actual custody of more than 3½ years. It is submitted that supplementary statement of the injured was recorded after 03 days of the incident wherein he nominated 04 more persons as accused, however, on inquiry, the allegations against other persons were found to be incorrect whereupon Sections 148 and 149 of the Indian Penal Code, were deleted. It is submitted that there is no other criminal case against the petitioner and that at one point in time, he was nominated as an accused in FIR bearing No.70 dated 25.04.1998, under Sections 452, 448, 427, 380, 148 and 149 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station, Bilga, wherein he was acquitted by the trial Court on 10.03.2017. It is submitted that more than 30 prosecution witnesses are yet

to be examined in the present case and that fatal injury is attributed to co-accused i.e. son of the petitioner. He thus contends that conclusion of trial shall take long and petitioner be released on regular bail.

State counsel, however, does not dispute the facts as noticed above i.e. the period of custody already undergone by the petitioner, nature of allegations against the petitioner as well as the stage of the trial.

Having heard the counsel for the respective parties and without commenting anything on the merits of the present case, taking into consideration the nature of allegations against the petitioner, his age i.e. more than 50 years, the stage of the trial as well as the period of custody already undergone by the petitioner, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing requisite bail bond/surety bond to the satisfaction of the Trial Court/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

It is made clear that the petitioner shall not extend any threat and shall not influence any prosecution witnesses in any manner directly or indirectly.

The observation made hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression on the merits of the case and the trial Court shall decide the case on the basis of available material.

March 27, 2026.
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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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