



CRM-M-53015-2026 and other connected cases

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

CRM-M-53015-2026

Sunil Singh @ Bittu**.....Petitioner****Versus****State of Punjab****.....Respondent**

CRM-M-56751-2025

Gurdeep Singh @ Deep**.....Petitioner****Versus****State of Punjab****.....Respondent**

CRM-M-65840-2025

Hargun Singh @ Harry**.....Petitioner****Versus****State of Punjab****.....Respondent**

Decided on: 28.04.2026

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Ms. Neha Rajoria, Advocate for
Mr. Iqbal Singh Mann, Advocate,
for the petitioner (in CRM-M-53015-2025),

Mr. K.B.S. Mann, Advocate,
for the petitioner (in CRM-M-56751-2025), and

Mr. L.S. Sidhu, Advocate,
for the petitioner (in CRM-M-65840-2025).

Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (ORAL)



1. By way of this common order, all the above-mentioned petitions are being decided together as they arise out of the same FIR and common allegations.

2. All the above mentioned accused namely—(i) Sunil Singh @ Bittu (ii) Gurdeep Singh @ Deep and (iii) Hargun Singh @ Harry have filed bail petitions under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 439 Cr.P.C.), for grant of regular bail to the petitioners, during the pendency of trial, who have been booked in a criminal case arising out of First Information Report, as detailed hereunder:-

FIR No.	Date	Section(s)	Police Station	District
25	14.03.2025	109, 132, 221, 190, 191(3), 324(4) of BNS and Section 25 of Arms Act, 1959	Cantt. Bathinda	Bathinda

3. On 17.02.2026, the following factual position was recorded by this Court:

“1. Learned State counsel has filed status report dated 15.02.2026 along with the pen drive, in the Court today and the same is taken on record.

2. Registry is directed to keep the pen drive enclosed with the status report, in a secured place, so that the same would not get misplaced.

3. With the assistance of learned State counsel and the concerned Inspector, namely Daljeet Singh, facts in the present case are noticed as under:-

(i) Initially, FIR No.24 dated 11.03.2025 was registered at Police Station Cantt., Bathinda under Sections 309(4) and 3(5) of the BNS and Sections 25, 54 and 59 of the Arms Act, on the statement of complainant, Love Garg, against three unidentified persons. It was alleged that on 11.03.2025 at about 5:50 P.M., three unidentified persons, with their faces covered and two of them draped in shawls, entered “Hotel Green.” One of them was carrying a rifle. After threatening the staff, they took away three mobile phones and cash amounting to approximately Rs.7,000–8,000/-. As per the FIR, the entire incident was captured on CCTV cameras.

(ii) During search of the nearby area, on 14.03.2025, police team apprehended six accused persons, namely Sunil Singh alias Bittu (petitioner in CRM-M-53015-2025), Gurdeep Singh alias Deep (petitioner in CRM-M-56751-2025), Hargun Singh alias Harry (petitioner in CRM-M-65840-2025), Satwant Singh, Arshdeep Singh alias Gyani and Arshdeep Singh alias Arshi. They were found present in a car bearing



registration No.PB-03-X-8317 (make Chevrolet Optra), owned by Arshdeep Singh alias Gyani.

(iii) Accused Satwant Singh was seated on the front passenger seat of the car and was holding an AK-47 rifle. Upon noticing the police party, he allegedly fired shots at them. In retaliation, police party also opened fire. One bullet struck Satwant Singh on his left leg below the knee, and another shot, fired by ASI Jaswinder Singh from his service pistol, hit the body of the car. All the accused persons were apprehended at the spot. Satwant Singh, having sustained a bullet injury, was hospitalized by the police officials themselves.

(iv) After arrest of the accused on 14.03.2025, accused Sunil Singh alias Bittu made a disclosure statement stating that he had joined the Army on 28.06.2016 and was posted with the 7th Sikh Infantry (SIKHLI) Unit, Rampur (Jammu & Kashmir). He further disclosed that the AK-47 rifle used in the occurrence had been stolen by him and belonged to Sepoy Bikram Gurung, and the said rifle was used in the commission of the offence in FIR No. 24/2025, Police Station Cantt., Bathinda.

(v) During the course of investigation, on 16.03.2025, statements of all six accused persons were recorded, and they were formally arrayed as accused in FIR No.24/2025. Sections 190, 61(2) and 238 of the BNS were added, and Section 3(5) of the BNS was deleted vide DDR No.23 dated 16.03.2025.

4. Next date fixed before the trial Court for recording the statements of the prosecution witnesses is 12.03.2026.
5. List again on 28.04.2026.
6. A photocopy of this order be placed on the files of other connected cases.”

4. Learned State counsel submits that due to the submission of supplementary challan now, the process of recording of statements could not be initiated and next date fixed is 14.05.2026.

5. Heard learned counsel for the parties and also have appraisal of the contentions recorded previously.

6. The petitioners are inside jail for the last more than a period of 01 year and 01 months. Though the accused are facing charge under Section 109 of BNS, however, fire arm injury has been suffered by accused-Satwant Singh, due to the



shots fired by members of police team in retaliation to the fire shot of accused Satwant Singh. In case FIR No. 24 dated 11.03.2025 (supra) all three accused therein and also the petitioners herein have been granted bail by the Court of learned Magistrate (as informed by petitioners' counsel). Despite granting opportunity, the process of recording of statements of witnesses has not even been initiated. Charges are yet to be established by prosecution beyond doubt, I do not find any substantial reason to continue the petitioners' detention inside jail for any longer. Moreover, most of the witnesses in the present case are officials. Therefore, considering all the aforementioned aspects, this Court finds merit in the prayer of the petitioner(s).

7. Consequently, the present petitions are allowed. Petitioners namely, (i) Sunil Singh @ Bittu (ii) Gurdeep Singh @ Deep and (iii) Hargun Singh @ Harry are ordered to be released on bail, subject to their furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Illaq Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned, if not required in any other case.

8. Needless to observe that the petitioner(s) shall not extend any threat and shall not influence any prosecution witness in any manner directly or indirectly.

9. All the petitions stand disposed of.

10. A photocopy of this order be placed on the files of other connected cases.

28.04.2026

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**(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
Whether Reportable: Yes/No