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

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Date of Decision: 10.03.2026

Sukhveer Singh @ Kaan

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

120a**CRM-M-2766-2025**

Date of Decision: 10.03.2026

Mandeep Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present: Mr. Arshpreet Khadial, Advocate, for the petitioner
in CRM-M-54361-2026.
Mr. Abhinav Singla, Advocate for
Mr. Jupinder Pal Singh Brar, Advocate
for the petitioner in CRM-M-2766-2025.
Mr. Raj Karan Singh, AAG, Punjab.

Rajesh Bhardwaj, J. (ORAL)

1. By this order, the two above-mentioned petitions are disposed of, both having arisen out of the same FIR.
2. Prayer in the present petitions is for grant of regular bail to the petitioners in a case DDR No.29 dated 02.11.2024 under Sections 109, 126(2), 191(3), 190 of BNS, 2023 and Sections 25 and 27 of Arms Act (Section 238 BNS added lateron) in FIR No.107 dated 02.11.2024, registered under Section 103, 109, 126(2), 191(3), 190 of BNS, 2023 and Sections 25 and 27 of the Arms Act, 1959, at Police Station Sangat, District Bathinda.
3. Succinctly, facts of the case are that DDR in the present case



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was registered on the statement of Jagtar Singh @ Gocha. It was alleged that on 01.11.2024, he alongwith his friend Raghveer Singh @ Gora were coming back on motorcycle from Rajasthani Dhaba near the petrol pump of their village Manto to their house. When they reached near the house of Mandeep Singh @ Gorkha, they saw Mandeep Singh @ Gorkha (petitioner in CRM-M-2766-2025) armed with dang, Sukhbir Singh @ Kaan (petitioner in CRM-M-54361-2025) armed with revolver, Avtar Singh @ Tara empty handed, Samplepreet Singh @ Mota armed with iron Ghah Rolni, Balkaur Singh @ Bagdu armed with Dang, Harmeet Singh @ Meet armed with revolver, Gagandeep Singh alongwith 10-12 unknown persons. Mandeep Singh @ Gorkha stopped him and raised lalkara and thereafter, inflicted a dang blow on the right side of his head due to which he fell down from the motorcycle. In the meantime, Sukhpal Singh @ Sukha, Sarabjit Singh @ Sarba, Jaskaran Singh @ Jassi, Kuldeep Singh @ Preeta and 3-4 other unknown persons came at the spot and started abusing Mandeep Singh @ Gorkha and scuffling with him. The complainant got up in the meantime, then Sukhveer Singh @ Kaan fired shot at him with intention to kill him, which hit on the backside of his right and left leg and internal side of his knee because of which he fell down. Thereafter, Mandeep Singh @ Gorkha gave dang blow on the head at upper side of his right ear. In this fight, Gagandeep Singh also received gun shot. On raising alarm, all ran away from the spot. The complainant-injured was shifted to the hospital for treatment. Gagandeep Singh was also shifted to the hospital, however, he succumbed to the injuries and an FIR No.107 dated 02.11.2024 was registered and at the behest of Jagtar Singh @ Gocha, the present DDR was



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registered. Investigation commenced and the petitioners were arrested on 08.11.2024 and 02.11.2024. The petitioners approached the Court of learned Additional Sessions Judge, Bathinda praying for grant of regular bail. However, after hearing both the sides, the learned Court finding no merit in the same, dismissed the bail applications filed by the petitioners vide order dated 21.01.2025 and 12.12.2024, respectively. Earlier, petitioner Sukhveer Singh @ Kaan approached this Court by way of filing CRM-M-7220-2025, however, the same was dismissed as not pressed vide order dated 20.03.2025. Hence, petitioner Sukhveer Singh @ Kaan has again approached this Court praying for grant of regular bail by way of filing the present second petition, whereas, petitioner Mandeep Singh has approached this Court by way of filing the present first petition.

4. It has been vehemently contended by learned counsel for the petitioners that it is a case of version and cross-version. It is submitted that from the petitioners' side Gagandeep has been murdered and by other side gun shot injuries have been inflicted. It is submitted that the petitioners have been falsely and frivolously implicated in the present case and it was the right of private defence of the petitioners. It is submitted that once it is a case of version of cross-version, it is a matter of trial to assess that which party was the aggressor. It is further submitted that the investigation is complete and the charges have been framed. To buttress their arguments, it is contended that co-accused Simplepreet Singh and Avtar Singh have been granted anticipatory bail by this Court vide orders dated 07.08.2025 and 20.03.2025. It is, thus, submitted that in the overall facts and circumstances, the petitioners deserve to be granted regular bail.



5. *Per contra*, learned State counsel has vehemently controverted the submissions made by counsel for the petitioners. It is submitted that though it is a case of version and cross-version, however, there are specific allegations against the petitioners in the cross-version. However, he acknowledges that co-accused of the petitioners, namely, Simplepreet Singh and Avtar Singh have been granted anticipatory bail by this Court. He has placed on record the custody certificates of the petitioners.

6. After hearing counsel for the parties and perusing the record, it is deciphered that admittedly it is a case of version and cross-version. Co-accused Simplepreet Singh and Avtar Singh have been granted anticipatory bail by this Court. The issue that which party was the aggressor is a matter of trial Court, which would be assessed by it after appreciation of the evidence to be led by both the parties. The custody certificate of Mandeep Singh @ Gorkha would show that the petitioner has suffered incarceration of 01 year, 04 months & 02 days as on 10.03.2026 and that of Sukhveer Singh @ Kaan would show that the petitioner has suffered incarceration of 01 year, 03 months & 25 days as on 09.03.2026. Custody certificate further reflects that Mandeep Singh @ Gorkha was involved in one case, however, he has been acquitted in the same.

7. The veracity of the allegations would be assessed only after the conclusion of the trial and on the appreciation of evidence to be led by both the parties before the trial Court. The trial of the case will take sufficient long time. Keeping in view the arguments raised by both the sides and perusing the record, this Court is of the opinion that learned counsel for the petitioners succeed in making out a case for grant of regular bail to the



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petitioners.

8. Accordingly, the present petitions are allowed and the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail on their furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

9. Nothing said herein shall be treated as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

10.03.2026
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(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking/Reasoned :	Yes/No
Whether Reportable :	Yes/No