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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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Date of Decision: 25.02.2026

HARNAM SINGH ALIAS PAPPU

... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASJIT SINGH BEDI

Present: Mr. Imran FARooqi, Advocate
for the petitioner.

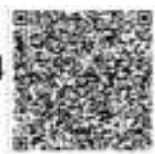
Mr. Harkanwar Jeet Singh, Asstt. A.G., Punjab.

JASJIT SINGH BEDI, J.

The prayer in the present petition under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023 is for the grant of regular bail in case bearing FIR No.96 dated 12.10.2024 registered under Sections 109, 331(7), 115(2), 191(3), 190, 351(2), 351(3), 324(6) of BNS, 2023 and Sections 25/27/54/59 of Arms Act at Police Station Longowal, District Sangrur.

2. The prosecution story setup in the present case as per the version in the FIR is as under:-

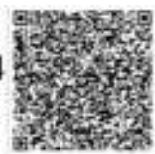
“Copy of statement of Bahadar Singh son of Mukhtyar Singh resident of Jaid Patti Longowal aged about 45 years Mobile: 9872412826. Stated that I am resident of above address and I do work of agriculture. My elder brother is named Karamjit Singh alias Kamma and since long time we are in land dispute of our village residents namely Shamsher Singh son of Sewa Singh, Satnam Singh alias Karori, Harnam Singh alias Pappu sons of



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Shamsher Singh and their relative Balvir Singh son of Hardev Singh, Hardev Singh son of Shamsher Singh residents of Badbar regarding the land situated at Kunra Road and Kassi Wali. That Shamsher Singh etc. are expressing their undue rights on the same land and we have given our land on lease 'theka' to Charanjit Dass son of Niranjana Dass resident of Village Bhai Ki Samadh. I often visit house of Charanjit Dass. Yesterday i.e. on 11.10.2024 at about 9:30 PM, I was sitting at house of Charanjit Dass with Charanjit Dass and his son Munish Bawa and all of us were discussing in varandah and we heard noises of shouting and challenging and I saw that Satnam Singh alias Karori, Harnam Singh alias Pappu and Balvir Singh along with one more accomplice namely Narinder Singh son of Pal Singh resident of Mandor Khurd came inside the house by climbing the wall and they were holding gandasa, swords, 'krich' in their hands and they entered the house and opened the main gate of the house from inside and Shamsher Singh and Hardev Singh along with 10/12 unknown persons entered the house and they were holding daang and sticks 'sotiyan' Thereafter, Satnam Singh alias Karori shouted and challenged and attacked Munish Bawa with gandasa which he was holding in his hand with intentions to kill Munish Bawa son of Charanjit Dass and the blow hit at side forehead 'putputi' and thereafter, Harnam Singh alias Pappu attacked with sword 'kripan' at Munish Bawa and the blow was hit at left arm of Munish Bawa and upon being hit Munish Bawa fell on ground and I and Charanjit Dass attempted to save Munish Bawa and then Balvir Singh grabbed me from behind and Shamsher Singh hit me with the stick 'soti' which he was holding and the blow hit me at my stomach and then Balvir Singh took out 'kirach' and made several blows at my leg and then Satnam Singh alias Karori hit Charanjit Dass with gandasa at his right hand and Hardev Singh hit Charanjit Dass with stick 'soti' at his back 'dhuhi'. Narinder Singh hit with his sword to Charanjit Singh and the blow was hit near his left arm which nearly touched his body and passed.

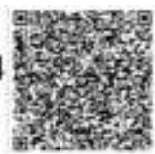


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Thereafter, Hardev Singh hit with stick at Charanjit Dass at his left 'gutt' and in the meantime other unknown persons who were holding sticks and 'daang' started causing beating to us with intentions to kill us. In the meantime, they also started damaging household items and upon seeing nearby people gathering all of them fled from there while giving us life threats. Due to lot of injuries, Munish Bawa was unconscious and we were taken for treatment by Satgur Singh son of Najar Singh resident of Pindi Bhai Ki Samadh Longowal and we were got admitted at Civil Hospital Sangrur. From there, I and Munish Bawa were referred to Rajindra Hospital, Patiala for treatment and we are presently undergoing treatment here. Reason for this is holding grudges because we have land dispute with Satnam Singh alias Karori and in this regard already case has been registered against Shamsher Singh etc. Shamsher Singh and party had taken illegal possession on the land and we have already won the case from Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court and Hon'ble High Court had passed its decision in our favour. Due to this reason, upon being frustrated from our victory and while holding grudges over land dispute all of these persons have attacked us with intentions to kill us. We got saved from this attack. Legal action be taken against Shamsher Singh son of Sewa Singh, Satnam Singh alias Karori, Harnam Singh alias Pappu resident of Jaid Patti Logowal, Balvir Singh son of Hardev Singh, Hardev Singh son of Sher Singh residents of Badbar, Narinder Singh alias Keot son of Pal Singh resident of Mandera Khurd and 10/12 unknown persons. I have submitted statement before you and heard the contents which are correct. Sd/- Bahadar Singh.”

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has only been attributed a simple injury with a sword on the left arm of Munish Bawa. Shamsher Singh who has been attributed a simple injury with a Sotti has been granted the concession of bail vide order dated

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08.04.2025 (Annexure P-2). The injury attracting Section 307 IPC has been attributed to Satnam Singh. As the petitioner is in custody since 01.05.2025 but none of the 31 prosecution witnesses has been examined so far, the Trial of the present case is not likely to be concluded anytime soon and therefore, he is entitled to the concession of bail.

4. On the other hand, the learned State counsel contends that all the accused collectively attacked all the injured persons causing grievous injuries on their person. Therefore, the petitioner is not entitled to the concession of bail. He, however, concedes that the petitioner is in custody since 01.02.2025, that the injury attributed to the petitioner is simple in nature and that none of the 31 of the prosecution witnesses has been examined so far.

5. I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

6. The veracity of the prosecution case against the petitioner and his co-accused shall be adjudicated upon during the course of the Trial. Admittedly, the petitioner is a first-time offender, in custody since 01.05.2025 but none of the 31 prosecution witnesses has been examined so far. Therefore, the Trial of the present case is not likely to be concluded anytime soon. Further, the injury attributed to the petitioner is simple in nature. In this situation the further incarceration of the petitioner is not required.

7. Thus without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner-Harnam Singh @ Pappu S/o Shamsher

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Singh is ordered to be released on bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned CJM/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

8. The petition stands disposed of.

(JASJIT SINGH BEDI)
JUDGE

25.02.2026

JITESH

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