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(186) IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-55113-2025 (O & M)
Date of Decision: 27.02.2026

Manpreet Singh @ Bittu @ Sote

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASJIT SINGH BEDI

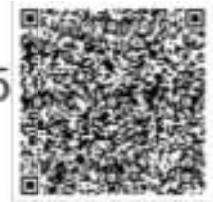
Present: Mr. Kartar Singh, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. T.P. Singh, Sr. DAG, Haryana.

JASJIT SINGH BEDI, J.

The prayer in the present petition under Section 483 BNSS is for the grant of regular bail in case bearing FIR No.268 dated 04.07.2024 of BNS, 2023 under Sections 103(1) (Section 190, 191(2), 191(3) added later on) registered at Police Station City Mandi, Dabwali District Sirsa.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner contends that Manpreet Singh alias Jutti, Kuldeep and Baldev Singh named in the FIR, have been bound to be innocent. Labbi Singh was arrested. He disclosed the name of Hari Kishan, Akash, Gora @ Hassanpreet Singh and the present petitioner-Manpreet Singh @ Bittu @ Sote. Manpreet Singh @ Bittu @ Sote was arrested and disclosed the name of one Gagandeep. Hari Kishan, Gagandeep Singh, Akash and Gora @ Hassanpreet Singh have been granted the concession of bail by this Court vide common order dated 11.09.2025 (Annexure P-2). As the petitioner is similarly situated, in custody since 16.07.2024 but only 01 out of the 26 prosecution witnesses has been examined so far, the Trial of the present case is not likely to be concluded



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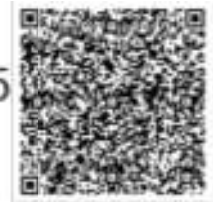
anytime soon and therefore, he is entitled to the concession of bail, moreso, when he has not been identified during the course of the Trial.

3. The learned counsel for the State, on the other hand, while referring to the reply dated 18.01.2026 contends that the petitioner alongwith his co-accused assaulted the deceased and therefore, he is not entitled to the concession as prayed for. He, however, does not dispute the fact that the petitioner is not named in the FIR but came to be nominated as an accused on the basis of the disclosure statement of the arrested accused, that he is in custody since 16.07.2024 and that only 01 out of the 26 prosecution witnesses has been examined so far.

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

5. Admittedly, the petitioner is not named in the FIR but nominated as an accused on the basis of a disclosure statement of the arrested accused, namely, Labbi Singh. He is in custody since 16.07.2024 but only 01 out of the 26 prosecution witnesses has been examined so far. During the course of the Trial, the petitioner has not even been identified. In this situation, his further incarceration is not required, moreso, when 04 similarly situated co-accused have been granted the concession of bail by this Court vide order Annexure P-2.

6. Thus without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner-Manpreet Singh @ Bittu @ Sote 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.



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7. The petitioner shall appear before the police station concerned on the first Monday of every month till the conclusion of the trial and inform in writing each time he is not involved in any other case/crime other than the case(s) referred to in the State reply dated 18.01.2026.

8. If any attempt whatsoever is made by the petitioner and/or his family members/friends to contact/threaten/intimidate any of the witnesses of the present occurrence, the State/complainant shall be at liberty to move an application for cancellation of bail granted vide this common order.

9. In addition, the petitioner (or anyone on his behalf) shall prepare an FDR in the sum of Rs.50,000/- and deposit the same with the Trial Court. The same would be liable to be forfeited as per law in case of the absence of the petitioner from trial without sufficient cause.

10. The petition stands disposed of.

(JASJIT SINGH BEDI)
JUDGE

February 27, 2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No
Whether reportable :- Yes/No