



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-58104-2025 (O&M)

Date of decision: 19.01.2026

Karanjit Singh @ Karan

...Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

State of Punjab

...Respondent(s)

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

Present :- Mr. Gurpreet Singh Gurna, Advocate for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Mohit Kapoor, Sr. DAG Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

1. This first petition has been filed for grant of regular bail to the petitioner(s) in case bearing FIR No.33 dated 03.03.2025, registered under Section(s) 304(2), 125, 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023; Section 25 of the Arms Act, 1959 and Sections 21-B, 27-A of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 at Police Station Division A, Amritsar.

2. Short reply filed by way of affidavit dated 03.12.2025 on behalf of respondent-State is already available on file and the same is taken on record. Registry is directed to do the needful.

3. The FIR in the present case has been filed on the statement of Pawan Kumar. The same reads thus:-

“It is stated that I am a resident of the above address and am serving as conductor in Uttarakhand Roadways, Rishikesh Depot Bus No. UK07-PA-3090. Today dated 03.03.2025 at

about 12:20 AM, after dropping passengers at Amritsar Bus Stand, I came near Ghah Mandi, Civil Hospital, at a Dhaba for dinner. When I and my bus driver parked the said bus roadside and were going to the Dhaba for dinner, at the same time one white Santro car came at speed and stopped near us, in which there were four persons, out of whom one remained sitting on the driver's seat and three persons got down from the car and started grappling with me, one of whom had a pistol. They snatched away from me a bag containing about ₹33,000/-, the electronic ticketing machine bearing No. 89612445 and ticket books bearing Nos. 0474078, 0071831, 0080951, 01296351. They struck me on the head with the butt of the pistol, fired in the air, and after snatching the above said articles ran away from the spot in their Santro car. I have got my first aid from Civil Hospital Amritsar and have now come before you. Legal action may kindly be taken.”.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that as per the case of the prosecution, the petitioner is stated to have supplied a pistol to co-accused Varinder Singh @ Mani, who thereafter snatched the bag from the complainant which contained Rs.33,000/- approximately and has already been granted the concession of regular bail by this Court vide order dated 16.10.2025 passed in CRM-M-35354-2025. He contends that the investigation in the present case stands concluded. He contends that even though the final report has already been filed, the charges have not been framed. He contends that 26 prosecution witnesses are yet to be examined.

It is submitted that the petitioner has been in custody since 05.08.2025 and the trial is likely to take a long time in its conclusion.

5. Learned counsel for respondent-State does not dispute the aforesaid factual aspects.

6. Having heard the learned counsel for the parties and taking into consideration the actual period of custody undergone by the petitioner, role attributed to the petitioner, the stage of the trial coupled with the fact that co-accused/ Varinder Singh @ Mani to whom the allegations of snatching had been attributed, has already been granted the concession of regular bail by this Court vide order dated 16.10.2025 passed in CRM-M-35354-2025 bearing in mind that the conclusion of the trial is likely to take a long time, I deem it fit to allow the instant petition.

7. Accordingly, the instant petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be admitted to regular bail subject to his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Illaq Magistrate concerned.

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

9. 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.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

19.01.2026

Mangal Singh

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