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**236 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH****CRM-M-58700-2025 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 12.01.2026****MANINDER SINGH @ MANINDERJEET SINGH @ MANI**
..... Petitioner*Versus***STATE OF PUNJAB** Respondent**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR**Present: Mr. B.S. Jatana, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. M.S. Toor, AAG Punjab.

YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR, J. (Oral)

1. This is the first application under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023 for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.0036, dated 23.02.2025, registered at Police Station Bhawanigarh, District Sangrur (Annexure P-1), under Sections 109, 121(1), 221, 132, 262, 62 and 324 of BNS, 2023 and Section 25 of Arms Act, 1959.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner as well as learned State counsel have been heard and material collected by the police during investigation has been perused.

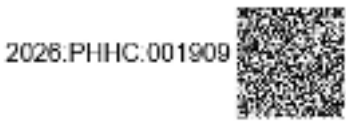
3. The present case was registered on the basis of a statement given to the police by Head Constable Gupreet Singh with the allegations that he is posted in CIA Staff, Bahadar Singh Wala, and on 23.02.2025, he along with Inspector Sandeep Singh, Incharge CIA Staff and other police officials was taking Maninder Singh @ Mani-petitioner, who was under arrest in FIR No.31 dated 19.02.2025 under Sections 25/54/59 of

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the Arms Act, Police Station Bhawanigarh, for effecting recovery of a pistol make Glock as per his disclosure statement and were going from village Nadampur to village Fumanwal side on the bank of the canal. When they reached about half a kilometer ahead of the main road at a vacant place adjoining the canal, at about 7:35 AM, accused Maninder Singh went towards the kacha path near the vacant place and took out a pistol from a polythene. He pushed him, as a result of which his mobile fell down and fired at him with the pistol which was got recovered by him with an intention to kill him, but the bullet crossed from the left side of his turban. Thereafter, he fired two more shots towards the police party with an intention to kill them and one bullet hit the official vehicle of the police party. Thereafter, the police officials fired at him and he got injured in his right leg and the pistol also fell from his hands. Thereafter, he was apprehended and taken to the hospital. The petitioner was arrested in this case on 23.02.2025 and after completion of the investigation, the final report has been presented.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner contended that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. No such incident had taken place and it is a case of fake encounter wherein he has been shot in his leg and a false FIR has been registered against him. Learned counsel next contended that no one had suffered any injury. The petitioner is in custody since 23.02.2025. The trial is likely to take a sufficiently long time to conclude and in these circumstances, further detention of the petitioner is not required and he deserves to be released on bail.

5. On the other hand, learned State counsel has opposed the



bail and argued that petitioner has committed a heinous offence and he does not deserve the concession of bail.

6. The petitioner was in the custody of the police officials when he was taken near the canal for recovery of some pistol. It shall be a debatable question during the trial as to whether the petitioner had fired at the police party or not. No one has suffered any injury and rather, it is the petitioner who has suffered bullet injury in his leg from the shot fired by the police party. The petitioner is in custody since 23.02.2025. The trial is likely to take a sufficiently long time to conclude and in these circumstances, further detention of the petitioner is not required and he deserves to be released on bail.

7. Having regard to the aforesaid factual position, but without commenting anything on the merits of the case, the bail application is allowed and petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned Trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned, on usual terms and conditions.

8. Pending misc. application (s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

(YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR)
JUDGE

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