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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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Date of Decision: 30.03.2026

KARAN SINGH ALIAS KARNI

... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CRM-M-45758-2025

SARBAN SINGH @ AKASHDEEP SINGH

... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASJIT SINGH BEDI

Present: Ms. Navjot Kaur, Advocate for
Mr. B.S. Bhalla, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. M.S. Toor, A.A.G., Punjab.

JASJIT SINGH BEDI, J.

This order shall dispose of two petitions bearing No.CRM-M-62253-2025 titled as Karan Singh alias Karni versus State of Punjab and CRM-M-45758-2025 titled as Sarban Singh @ Akashdeep Singh Versus State of Punjab as the same are arising out of the same FIR. However, for the sake of convenience the facts have been taken from CRM-M-62253-2025.

2. The prayer in the present petitions under Section 483 BNSS, 2023 is for the grant of regular bail in case bearing FIR No.29 dated



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04.04.2025 registered under Sections 305, 309(4), 127(2), 3(5), 238, 317(2) of BNS, 2023 at Police Station City Nakodar, District Jalandhar Rural.

3. The present FIR came to be registered at the instance of Surjit Kaur W/o late Lal Singh and the same reads as under:-

“Statement of Surjit Kaur wife of Late Lal Singh Khaira resident of Sunder Nagar, Backside Jimmy District Palace, Nakodar, PS City Nakodar, Jalandhar, Age about 62 Years, Mob. No. 7009177310. I hereby state that I am resident of I aforementioned address and do household work. I have three children. Eldest is my daughter Sandeep Khaira who is married and reside at Canada alongwith her inlaws family since Year 2016 on permanent basis. Second is my daughter Dimple Khaira who is also married and reside abroad at New Zealand alongwith her inlaws family since Year 2014 on permanent basis and third is my son Harmanpreet Singh who is residing abroad at Canada since last about 02/03 Years. About 1-1½ Year ago I had gone to my daughter Sandeep Khaira at Canada. Then I During intervening night of dt. 03.04.2025 at time about 12:15 AM I was talking with my daughter Sandeep Khaira at Canada on phone. When my talk with my daughter ended then I went inside the bathroom attached with my bedroom bathroom to do bathroom and then came back in my bedroom and sat on the bed and I saw that the door of my bedroom was open. Then I suddenly heard some noise from the courtyard of house and my dog started barking. I came out of my bedroom and came in lobby and saw that the door of my lobby was open. When I reached near the door of my lobby then two youths were at front, who were holding datar like objects in their hands. Out of those two youths, one youth placed that datar like object at my neck and said to me that if you raise alarm then we shall kill you. Then they said to me that whatever is in your house and you have worn take off and give to us. Out of fear I took off ear-rings weight about 1 Tola from my ears, gold chain weight about 2- Tola from my neck, 04 gold rings weight about 02 Tola



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from my hands, kara (bracelet) weight about 1-½ Tola from my hand and handed over to them. After taking these gold ornaments both youths took me inside my bedroom and opened the iron almirah kept in store-room built in bedroom and started scattering all items. Then they took out 02 gents gold rings weight about 1 Tola, silver jewelry weight about 10 Tola, 2 ladies watches of Guess Company, 2 watches of Fossil Company (1 gents and 1 ladies), 2 watches of Titan Company, 1 ladies watch without company from the locker of almirah, took out 2 gold topes weight about 2 Tola, 2 pair gold ear-rings weight about 1-½ Tola and Rs. 45,000/- which I had brought from Money Gram/Western Union on dt. 28.03.2025 for medical treatment of my eyes from ladies purse hanging in my almirah. Then both unknown youths fled away with afore- mentioned gold articles and cash and at the time of fleeing away they locked me in the bedroom. I can identify them if paraded in front of me. Necessary legal action be taken against these two unknown youths and my articles and cash be recovered and returned to me. Statement recorded, read over, heard, is correct. Sd/- Surjit Kaur. Statement correct, Sd/- Gurwinder Singh. Attested, Sd/- Davinder against me. I these two unknown Singh ASI PS City Nakodar Date 04.04.2025.”

4. The learned counsels for the petitioners contend that the petitioners are not named in the FIR. Subsequently, the supplementary statement of the complainant was recorded to the effect that the offence had been committed by Sarban Singh @ Akashdeep Singh (petitioner in CRM-M-45758-2025), her nephew along with his friend. She (complainant) had not disclosed to anybody on account of the reputation of her family. The supplementary statement does not inspire confidence inasmuch as Sarban Singh @ Akashdeep Singh has instituted a civil suit against the complainant.

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The recoveries have been foisted upon the petitioners. As they are in custody since 04.04.2025 & 12.04.2025 respectively but none of the 13 prosecution witnesses has been examined so far, the Trial of the present case is not likely to be concluded anytime soon and therefore, they are entitled to the concession of bail.

5. A status report dated 11.01.2026 by way of an affidavit of Onkar Singh Brar, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub Division, Nakodar, Jalandhar (Rural) has been filed in CRM-M-62253-2025 on behalf of the State by the learned counsel for the State. The same is taken on record. While referring to the status report, he contends that though the petitioners are not named in the FIR it was on account of the fact that the reputation of the family was at stake. Subsequently, when the stolen articles were not returned, the complainant suffered a supplementary statement naming the petitioner-Sarban Singh @ Akashdeep Singh as the perpetrators of the crime along with the co-accused. The nature of the allegations levelled against them do not entitle them to the grant of bail. He, however, concedes that the petitioners are in custody since 04.04.2025 & 12.04.2025 respectively but none of the 13 prosecution witnesses has been examined so far.

6. I have heard the learned counsel for the petitioners.

7. The veracity of the prosecution case against the petitioners and their co-accused shall be adjudicated upon during the course of the Trial. Admittedly, the petitioners are in custody since 04.04.2025 & 12.04.2025 respectively but none of the 13 prosecution witnesses has been examined so far. Therefore, the Trial of the present case is not likely to be concluded

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anytime soon. In this situation the further incarceration of the petitioners is not required.

8. Thus without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petitions are allowed and the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail on their furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned CJM/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

9. The petitioners 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 that they are not involved in any other crime other than the present case.

10. If the petitioner or his family members/associates make any attempt to contact/threaten/intimidate the witnesses in the present case, the State would be at liberty to move an application for cancellation of bail granted vide this order.

11. In addition, the petitioners (or anyone on their behalf) shall prepare an FDR in the sum of Rs.1,00,000/- each 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 petitioners from trial without sufficient cause.

12. The petitions stand disposed of.

(JASJIT SINGH BEDI)
JUDGE

30.03.2026

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