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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH.**

(Through V.C.)

(336)

CRM-M-64031-2025 (O & M)

Date of Decision:-19.02.2026

Sukhchain Singh @ Kala Singh

.....Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

.....Respondent.

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASJIT SINGH BEDI

Present:- Mr. T.S. Attariwala, Advocate, with
Ms. Sehej Sandhawalia, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Athar Ahmed, DAG, Punjab.

JASJIT SINGH BEDI, J.(ORAL)

The prayer in this fourth present petition under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023 is for the grant of regular bail in case FIR No.219 dated 03.11.2020 under Sections 307, 148 and 149 IPC and Sections 25, 27 of the Arms Act (Sections 302 IPC and Sections 54 and 59 of the Arms Act added later on) registered at Police Station Dharamkot, District Moga.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the main accused-Gagandeep Singh @ Nikka Singh has been granted the concession of bail by this Court vide order dated 17.02.2025 (Annexure P-2). The case of the petitioner is on a better footing inasmuch as the fatal injury had been attributed to Gagandeep Singh @ Nikka. As the petitioner is in custody since 16.11.2020 but only 04 out of the 23 prosecution witnesses have been



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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.

3. The learned counsel for the State, on the other hand, has not disputed the factual position that Gagandeep Singh @ Nikka is the main accused who has been granted the concession of bail but submits that serious allegations have been levelled against the petitioner and his co-accused. He, however, concedes that the petitioner is in custody since 16.11.2020 and that only 04 out of the 23 prosecution witnesses have been examined so far.

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

5. Admittedly, the petitioner is in custody since 16.11.2020 but only 04 of the 23 prosecution witnesses have been examined so far. Therefore, the Trial in the present case is not likely to be concluded anytime soon. In this situation, the further incarceration of the petitioner is not required, moreso, when the main accused-Gagandeep Singh @ Nikka has been granted the concession of bail vide order (Annexure P-2).

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

7. The petition stands disposed of.

8. The pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of accordingly.

(JASJIT SINGH BEDI)
JUDGE

February 19, 2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No