



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-68269-2025 (O&M)

Date of decision: 10.03.2026

Randhir Singh @ Dheera

...Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

State of Punjab

...Respondent(s)

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

Present :- Ms. Nikita, Advocate for the petitioner(s).

Dr. (Ms.) Savi Nagpal, AAG Punjab

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

CRM-48866-2025

Application is allowed as prayed for.

Main case:

1. This second petition has been filed for grant of regular bail to the petitioner(s) in case bearing FIR No.154 dated 22.12.2024, registered under Section(s) 118(1), 115(2), 110 and 3(5) [(Section 115(2) and 110 added and Section 118(1) deleted, later on)] of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 at Police Station Smalsar, District Moga.

2. Status report by way of affidavit dated 09.03.2026 on behalf of respondent(s)-State has been filed by the learned State counsel today in the Court and the same is taken on record. Copy thereof has been furnished to the learned counsel for the petitioner.

3. FIR in the present case was registered on the complaint/statement of Ranjeet Singh @ Rana son of Satnam Singh. The

same reads thus:-

“xxxxxx I state that I am resident of the above-mentioned address and work as an agriculturist. On 21.12.2024, my cousin Pargat Singh s/o Jagdev Singh, r/o Rode was standing in front of the feed shop near the diary owner's place. I was also heading towards the feed shop. When I reached near the shop, the time would be around 6 PM that moment, from inside the salon shop, salon worker Jagsir Singh alias Manna s/o Mander Singh, Randhir Singh alias Dheera s/o Sadhu Singh armed with a Kirpan, Sukhdev Singh alias Appi s/o Sadhu Singh armed with a bat resident's of Rode and Arsharun s/o Suraj Pal r/o Nand Nagar, Moga came out. Jagsir Singh alias Manna and Arsharun shouted loudly and said that today is the chance to settle scores with Pargat Singh. In the meantime, Randhir Singh alias Dheera attacked Pargat Singh with his kirpan two times hitting him on the head. Pargat Singh couldn't bear the attack with the kirpan and fell down. While he was lying on the ground, Sukhdev Singh alias Appi struck his bat on Pargat Singh's left leg which fell upon the calf. I, along with Pargat Singh and Kuldeep Singh s/o Sukhdev Singh ro Rode, raised an alarm about the attack. Hearing our cries, these individuals fled from the scene with their weapons. The reason for this incident is that Pargat Singh's sister has a divorce case going on in the court. Randhir Singh alias Dheera, after taking a power of attorney from a relative of Pargat Singh, is fighting

the case, while Pargat Singh is also actively pursuing it. Randhir Singh alias Dheera and these do not want Pargat Singh to pursue the case. For this reason, all these individuals, in conspiracy, attacked Pargat Singh. After making arrangements for vehicle, we got Pargat Singh initially admitted to the Civil Hospital, Moga and then to DMC Ludhiana where he is currently under treatment.”.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been in custody since 07.02.2025 and has undergone an actual custody of more than 01 year and 01 month and that no evidence has been recorded so far. He further contends that the maximum sentence for the offence is prescribed as 07 years and the trial is likely to take a long time to conclude. He contends that the petitioner is not involved in any other case. It is also contended that two co-accused i.e. Sukhdev Singh @ Happy @ Appy and Jagseer Singh @ Manna, have already been granted the concession of regular bail vide separate orders dated 01.07.2025 passed in CRM-M-16429-2025 and order dated 01.08.2025 passed in CRM-M-40162-2025, respectively.

5. Learned counsel for respondent-State, however, submits that the petitioner caused an injury with wooden wicket on the parietal lobe of the victim, hence, the offence under Section 110 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 is attributable to the petitioner. She however does not dispute that the petitioner has already undergone an actual custody of more than 01 year and 01 month. It is not disputed that no witness out of total of 17 witness has been examined so far. The clean antecedents of the petitioner is

also not disputed.

6. Having heard the learned counsel for the parties and taking into consideration the facts and circumstances as noted above, including the nature of allegations as well as the period of actual custody already undergone by him coupled with the clean antecedents, the stage of the trial and 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

10.03.2026

Mangal Singh

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