

**201 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**



**CRA-S-3579-2025 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 07.03.2026**

JASBIR SINGH

... APPELLANT

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA AND ANOTHER

... RESPONDENTS

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.S.GREWAL

Present:- Ms. Savita Rana, Advocate for the appellant.

Mr. Vijay Kumar, AAG, Haryana.

Mr. Parveen Kumar, Advocate for respondent No.2.

H.S. GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

1. This appeal has been filed under Section 14-A(2) of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, challenging the order dated 26.03.2025 passed by the Court of learned Additional Sessions Judge, Karnal, whereby the application for grant of regular bail filed by the appellant has been dismissed in FIR No. 0007 dated 18.01.2023 registered under Sections 302 and 34 IPC (Sections 341, 201 IPC, 25 of the Arms Act and Sections 3(2)(v) of the SC & ST Act added later on) at Police Station Ram Nagar, District Karnal.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 17.01.2023, son of the complainant, namely, Jitender Kumar @ Jitu along with his friend Sonu went to the market to purchase sweets where he was stabbed by the appellant in the street. The appellant suffered his disclosure statement admitting his involvement in the present case. In pursuance thereof, a knife and motorcycle alongwith RC used in the occurrence were recovered at his

instance.

3. Learned counsel for the appellant submits that the appellant is innocent and has been implicated falsely in the present case due to previous enmity. The complainant himself was not appearing in the witness-box to depose against the appellant. The appellant is in custody for the last 03 years, 01 month and 11 days and is not involved in any other case.

4. Learned State counsel as well as learned counsel for the complainant oppose the prayer for grant of regular bail to the appellant on the ground of gravity of allegations. Learned State counsel has filed the custody certificate in Court, which is taken on record. As per the custody certificate, the appellant is in custody for the last 03 years, 01 month and 11 days. He further submits that out of total 27 cited prosecution witnesses, only two have been examined so far.

5. I have heard the learned counsel for the parties and perused the record.

6. After hearing the rival contentions of the learned counsel for the parties and keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the case that the complainant has recently been examined and the trial has been delayed by the prosecution for the reasons best known to it; the appellant is in custody for the last 03 years, 01 month and 11 days; out of total 27 prosecution witnesses, only two have been examined so far; the conclusion of trial is likely to take a long time and continuous detention of the appellant would not serve the ends of justice. Accordingly, this Court deems it fit to set aside the order dated 26.03.2025 passed by the learned Addl. Sessions Judge, Karnal and to grant the concession of regular bail to the appellant during the pendency of the trial.

7. Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the

case, the instant appeal is allowed. The appellant is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing requisite bail bonds, surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Chief Judicial Magistrate concerned.

8. It is clarified that while on bail so granted through the instant order, in case the appellant indulges in any other criminal case, it shall be open to the State to move an application for cancellation of his bail.

07.03.2026

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Whether speaking/reasoned

Whether reportable

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Yes/No

Yes/No

(H.S.GREWAL)

JUDGE