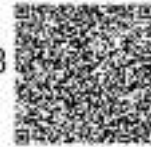


IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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2026:PHHC:032228



CRM-M-66450-2025 (O&M)
Date of decision: 27.02.2026.

SUKHMANDER SINGH

...Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent(s)

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

Present :- Mr. Naresh Kumar Manchanda, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Mohit Kapoor, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

Mr, Vishal Rattan Lamba, Advocate,
for the complainant.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

This is the first petition filed under Section 483 of the Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in
case bearing FIR No.36 dated 24.10.2024, under Section(s) 419, 420, 465,
467, 468, 471 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police
Station Punjab State Crime Police Station, District S.AS. Nagar, Mohali,
Punjab.

Status report on behalf of respondent-State has been filed in the

Court today. A copy thereof has been supplied to the counsel for the petitioner.

Tersely, FIR in the present case was registered consequent to the complaint filed by Hardial Kaur widow of Rajinder Singh before the office of Director, Bureau of Investigation, Punjab, Chandigarh for taking appropriate action by registering a criminal case under Section 199, 319, 336 (2) (3) (4), 338, 340 (2), 61 (2), 111 BNS, 2023, against Hardial Kaur daughter of Balbir Singh son of Tara Singh, Parampal Singh son of Balbir Singh son of Tara Singh, Balveer Singh son of Darshan Singh, Navjinder Singh son of Safdarpal Singh, Safdarpal Singh son of Ranbir Singh, Ranjeet Singh Tehsildar Jaitu, Additional Charge Sadiq and Gurdeep Singh Reader Tehsildar Sadiq, who in collusion with each other, after getting the details of the land of the complainant from a lady namely accused Hardial Kaur wife of Rajinder Singh, daughter of Balbir Singh son of Tara Singh, prepared a fake General power of attorney dated 20.05.2024 in favour of her brother Parampal Singh, who in collusion with the Reader Gurdeep Singh and Tehsildar Ranjit Singh, by using the same got registered the sale deeds of the land of the complainant situated at Village Gujjar, Tehsil Sadiq District Ferozepur, in favour of Balvir Singh, Navjinder Singh and Safdarpal. Complainant in her complaint submitted that she is an 80 year old widow and her husband Rajinder Singh had died on 01.04.2022 and her son Jaspal Singh had also died on 18.02.2017. She stated that she has two brothers namely Gurdeep Singh and Prem Singh, who also died 10 years and 40 years ago respectively. She owns a land at Village Mumara, District Faridkot. Besides, that after the death of her son Jaspal Singh, his land situated at village Gujjar was transferred in her name and her husband had executed a registered Will dated 01.10.2019 in her

favour. The above said persons in collusion with each other and as her name is similar to Hardial Kaur daughter of Balbir Singh son of Tara Singh, wife of Rajinder Singh, with an intention to commit cheating with her, got registered a General Power of attorney dated 20.05.2024 of accused Hardial Kaur in favour of Parampal Singh son of Balbir Singh vide deed no.2024-2025/116/4/53 before Sub-Registrar, Ferozpur, in which they in collusion with each other got mentioned the details of the land under the ownership of the complainant with an intent to commit cheating and gave the rights to sell the said land to Parampal Singh son of Balbir Singh, Vijay Kumar Nambardar Village Sandwan and Davinder Singh son of Pritpal Singh resident of Araiyan Wala Khurd, District Faridkot, who were from outside Village Gujjar put their testimony on this fake General Power of Attorney and verified Hardial Kaur daughter of Balbir Singh. Upon enquiry by the complainant, she came to know that accused Hardial Kaur daughter of Balbir Singh has no land in village Gujjar and above said GPA has been prepared under a pre-planned conspiracy for committing cheating. On this GPA, Hardial Kaur has put signatures in Punjabi, whereas, complainant has never signed any document in Punjabi and she always signed in English. Complainant further submitted that after execution of GPA in favour of Parampal Singh, he got registered sale deeds of his land situated in Village Gujjar in favour of Navjinder Singh, Safdarpal Singh and Balbir Singh, being in collusion with them vide deeds dated 24.07.2024. Complainant further asserted that she has come to know that in lieu of sale deeds, no amount has been transferred in accounts of Hardial Kaur and Parampal Singh. Rather, this is an organized gang, which prepares fake documents of land of helpless people and grab their property. Complainant

further stated that Safdarpal Singh and Navjinder Singh know her very well being residents of Village Gujjar. Besides, that her civil suit titled as 'Harjinder Singh etc. Vs. Harpal Singh etc'. is going on against above said Safdarpal Singh etc. and in the said case, both the parties appeared in the Ld. court. As such, aforesaid Safdarpal Singh and Navjinder Singh are well aware about her tough circumstances. Complainant further rued that besides this, a case bearing FIR No.56 dated 08.08.2019 under Sections 406, 120-B IPC was got registered against Safdarpal Singh and Navjinder Singh in PS Sadiq by Simarjit Singh son of Gurmukh Singh resident of Sirsa, Haryana. Complainant further averred that Parampal Singh son of Balbir Singh earlier also had sold the land of Sukhdev Singh son of Mukhtiar Singh resident of village Dulo Wal, Tehsil Mansa to Khushwant Singh Brar son of Beant Singh vide sale deed by preparing his fake GPA, in which he mentioned his address only Village Deepsingh Wala but the GPA which has been prepared for selling her land, the address of Parampal Singh in it is 2/65, Kasuri Gate, Ferozpur City, presently resident of Village Deepsingh Wala, District Faridkot (the detail of 2/65, Kasuri Gate, Ferozpur City) has been given only to show Hardial Kaur as his sister and an inquiry in this regard is going on separately. Complainant also added that Safdarpal Singh etc. want to grab her land and land of her family by preparing fake documents. In this regard, she went to Sadiq on 03.7.2024 and after meeting Tehsildar Baljinder Singh she brought the matter to his notice, who assured her that if any sale deed of her land will be received for registration, their office will contact her. Tehsildar Baljinder Singh went on leave for one month on 18.07.2024 and in his place, Tehsildar (Jaitu) Ranjit Singh was given additional charge of Sadiq. When she came to

know, she arrived at Faridkot on 24.07.2024 and sent a written application to Tehsildar Sadiq in Sadiq Tehsil through Satnam Singh son of Balbir Singh resident of Churar Khalchian District Ferozpur, (who is her commission agent). After reaching Sadiq, Satnam Singh made a phone call to her at about 02:30-03:00 PM that Gurdeep Singh (Reader to Tehsildar) had received the application but he was not issuing the receipt and asking to send it instead by speed post. At this, Satnam Singh came back and as per the asking of Gurdeep Singh, Reader, he sent the application regarding non-registration of sale deed to Tehsildar Sadiq, SDM Faridkot, District Magistrate Faridkot through speed post from Post-Office Faridkot. But later on, she came to know that non-issuance of receipt of application by Gurdeep Singh was part of pre-planned conspiracy because Tehsildar Ranjit Singh, despite knowing that sale deed of her land was wrong, he registered the same at about 08:00/08:30PM. Therefore, it was requested that above cited persons are members of an organized criminal gang, who produced accused Hardial Kaur and got provided the details of land under the ownership of complainant and prepared fake GPA in the name of Parampal Singh, who by using the same, got registered six sale deeds of her land situated in village Gujjar without any monetary transactions, in favour of their accomplices Balbir Singh, Navjinder Singh and Safdarpal Singh being in collusion with reader Gurjeet Singh and Tehsildar Ranjit Singh, while violating the law.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner contends that there is no link evidence as would reflect the involvement of the petitioner either in impersonation of Rinku as Hardial Kaur or in the execution of General Power of Attorney in favour of Parampal Singh. He contends that the

sole evidence that has been collected by the respondent-State is that the petitioner accompanied his co-accused to the bank when some money was withdrawn by co-accused. He contends that the petitioner is neither involved in the preparation of any document nor he has induced any person to execute any forged document, impersonated any person or facilitated any transaction pertaining to the land. He contends that the complicity of the petitioner in the commission of the offence and his knowledge about the nature of the transaction already done by the co-accused is thus an arguable issue to be determined during the course of trial. He contends that the petitioner is in custody since 25.09.2025 and has already undergone an actual custody of nearly 05 months, hence, conclusion of the trial shall take long. He further submits that even during the course of custodial detention, there is no other evidence that has been collected by the respondent and that the case is triable by a Judicial Magistrate.

State counsel as well as counsel for the complainant, on the other hand, contend that the petitioner has been a beneficiary in the entire transaction and he was in the knowledge of the money being withdrawn being a proceed of the crime. It is contended that the petitioner is a part of an organized criminal gang. When specifically asked whether there is any evidence on the basis whereof complicity of the petitioner either with the impersonators or the subsequent purchasers including the attorney Parampal Singh, could be established, he is not in a position to refer to any such evidence as would establish the involvement of the petitioner. It is also not in dispute that the offences in question are triable by the Court of Magistrate and the petitioner has already undergone an actual custody of more than 05

months.

Having heard the learned counsel for the parties and taking into consideration the nature of allegations referred to above, the period of custody already undergone and noticing that it is an offence triable by the Magistrate which shall take long, I deem it appropriate to allow the present petition. Accordingly, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing requisite bail bond/surety bond to the satisfaction of the Trial Court/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

It is made clear that the petitioner shall not extend any threat and shall not influence any prosecution witnesses in any manner directly or indirectly.

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.

February 27, 2026.
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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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