

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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2026:PHHC:006577



CRM-M-67749-2025 (O&M).
Date of decision: 19.01.2026.

MANPREET SINGH @ MANU

...Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent(s)

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

Present :- Mr. Saurav Bhatia, Advocate, and
Ms. Apurva Walia, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Rituraj Singh, DAG, Punjab.

Ms. Shivali Sharma, Advocate,
for the complainant.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

CRM-1716-2026

Application is allowed as prayed for subject to all just exceptions.

Annexures P-5 to P-23 are taken on record.

The Registry is directed to tag the same at an appropriate place.

Main case

The present petition has been filed under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No.91 dated 04.06.2025, under Section(s) 115(2), 118(1), 332, 351(2), 191(3) and 190 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (Section 117(2), 118(2) and 238 of the BNS, 2023 equal to Section 201 of the IPC added later on), registered at Police Station Garhshankar, District Hoshiarpur.

Briefly summarized, the aforesaid FIR was registered on the statement of Ranjodh Singh @ Jodha son of Channan Singh, resident of village Fatehpur Khurd, Police Station, Garshankar, District Hoshiarpur. The same reads thus: -

“Stated that I am a resident of the above mentioned village and I do agricultural work. My brothers Okar Singh has gone to England and Paramjit Singh has gone to Canada and brother Satnam Singh has passed away. His family lives in America (abroad). We brothers have joint haveli and the house has been divided. My nephew Manpreet Singh alias Mannu son of Paramjit Singh resident of village Fatehpur Khurd lives alone in the village. On 01.06.2025 at around 9 pm, I and my neighbor Raghuvi Singh alias Bira son of Gurbachan Singh resident of village Fatehpur Khurd, aged about 67 years were sitting and talking in our haveli. Then my nephew Manpreet Singh @ Mannu came there and said to Raghuveer Singh @ Bira that what are you doing in our haveli, get up and go to your house. Then Raghuveer Singh @ Bira said that stop passing through our street and I will go to my house. By becoming angry at this my nephew Manpreet Singh @ Mannu alongwith his friends Dildar

Singh @ Dara S/O Rajinder Singh resident of village Fatehpur Khurd Police Station Garhshankar, Budhu S/O unknown resident of village Moranwali and Piggi son of unknown resident of village Moranwali came to the haveli and they started beating me and my neighbor Raghuveer Singh @Bira. Manpreet Singh @ Mannu gave me blows with the kirpan held in his hand and one blow hit at the right side of my forehead and the second blow hit at the left side of of my forehead and when he gave me third blow I tried to stop it with my right hand then the kirpan blow hit between the thumb and forefinger of my right hand and I fell down on the ground. While I was lying at the ground, Dildar Singh alias Dara hit me with the gandasi in his hand which hit the back of my head. I raised alarm. Upon hearing the raula, Avtar Singh S/O Raghuveer Singh @ Bira resident of village Fatehpur Khurd, came at the spot who saw the whole incident with his own eyes. The accused Manpreet Singh @ Mannu, Dildar Singh @ Dara, Budhu and Piggi gave blows to Raghuveer Singh @ Bira on the right thigh and also on the right hand. The accused fled from the spot while threatening and shouting. My wife Paramjit Kaur arranged the vehicle for me and son of Raghuveer Singh arranged the vehicle for him and they got was admitted to the Civil Hospital, Garhsankar for treatment. Seeing our deteriorating health, the doctor referred me and Raghuveer Singh @ Bira to the Civil Hospital, Hoshiarpur, where I am undergoing treatment. I am the claimant. Appropriate legal action should be taken against the accused.”

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been attributed injury attracting Section 118(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023. The seat of the injury is on the thumb of the right hand which is a non-vital part of the body. He contends that the petitioner

is in custody since 13.10.2025 and has already undergone an actual custody for a period of more than three months. Investigation in the case is already complete and the final report already stands presented. He contends that there are total 18 witnesses cited by the prosecution. The conclusion of the trial shall take long. He contends that the case is triable by the Court of Magistrate and is not likely to conclude soon. He contends that further custodial interrogation of the petitioner is wholly unwarranted and is not likely to advance the interest of justice. He contends that the petitioner has clean criminal antecedents and therefore, he be released on regular bail.

State counsel, on the other hand, does not dispute the aforesaid factual aspects and also the actual custody period already undergone by the petitioner as per the custody certificate placed on record.

Counsel for the complainant, however, contends that the petitioner is attributed injury attracting Section 118(2) of the BNS, 2023 and that the recovery has been effected. She does not dispute that the trial has not commenced yet.

Having heard the learned counsel for the parties and taking into consideration the period of actual custody undergone by petitioner, the stage of the trial and the clean antecedents of the petitioner, 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.

January 19, 2026.
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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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