

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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2026:PHHC:041374



CRM-M-71928-2025 (O&M).
Date of decision: 17.03.2026.

SUKHWINDER KAUR

...Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent(s)

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

Present :- Mr. Jaskirat Singh Dhaliwal, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Mohit Kapoor, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

This is the first petition filed under Section 483 of the Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, (Section 439 Cr.P.C.) for grant of regular
bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No.03 dated 08.01.2024, under
Section(s) 302 and 34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (Section 120-B of the
IPC added later on vide DDR No.20 dated 09.01.2024), registered at Police
Station Sadar Sri Muktsar Sahib, District Sri Muktar Sahib.

The aforesaid FIR was registered on the statement of Virpal Kaur
wife of Sohan Singh which reads thus: -

“Statement of Virpal Kaur wife of Sohan Singh, son of Kikkar

Singh, resident of Ladhuwala, Police Station Vairoke, District Fazlika, age about 45 years, Mob: No. 84378-59114, stated that I am resident of the above address and is a housewife. I have three sons, elder one is Ramandeep Singh, younger to him are Harjit Singh and Hardeep Singh, and all three of them are truck drivers. My husband Sohan Singh is about 60 years old and used to do domestic work. My husband Sohan Singh's maternal aunt Gurmeet Kaur wife of Amrik Singh, is resident of village Chak Badhai Borian Wali Basti, District Sri Muktsar Sahib. She lives with her daughter Sukhwinder Kaur wife of Balvir Singh in Village Chak Badhai Borian Wali Basti. My husband Sohan Singh used to visit village Chak Badhai Borian Wali Basti to meet his maternal aunt Gurmeet Kaur who used to remain unwell. On 07.01.2024 at around 7:00 pm, my husband Sohan Singh left from the house on his old bicycle and went to Chak Badhai Borian Wali Basti to meet his maternal aunt Gurmeet Kaur. When my husband did not return to home, then, I and my son Hardeep Singh, who had just come home, then I, my daughter-in-law Amandeep Kaur wife of Harjit Singh and my son Hardeep Singh, all three of us were going from our village Ladhuwala, District Fazlika, to the village of Chak Bara Boria Wali Basti on our motorcycle to look for my husband, time around 11.00 PM. When we reached on the link road of GT Road, leading from Sri Muktsar Sahib to Jalalabad, we saw the gathering of people on the link road. We stopped the motorcycle and went to the field. We saw dead body. When we went closer and saw the body, it was my husband Sohan Singh, who had suffered a sharp injury on his face and a very deep wound under his left ear. My husband Sohan Singh was killed by some unknown persons with sharp edged weapons. Search of the murderers of my husband Sohan Singh be conducted and legal action be taken against them in the interest of justice.”

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. He submits that the petitioner is not involved in any other case and thus has clean antecedents. He submits that petitioner was nominated as an accused in the present FIR on the basis of supplementary statement of complainant Veerpal Kaur made on 09.01.2024 along with one Beant Singh @ Raja who has already been granted the concession of regular bail by this Court vide order dated 09.12.2025 passed in CRM-M-59327-2025. He further submits that the petitioner is in custody since 09.01.2024 i.e. for a period of more than 02 years and 02 months, as such, she deserves to be released on bail by extending the benefit of parity.

State counsel, on the other hand, does not dispute the custody period already undergone by the petitioner and that she was nominated at a later stage on the supplementary statement of complainant Veerpal Kaur. It is also not in dispute that similarly placed co-accused Beant Singh @ Raja whose name also surfaced in the supplementary statement of complainant, has already been granted the concession of regular bail by this Court.

Having heard the learned counsel for the parties and taking into consideration the period of custody undergone by the petitioner, the stage of the trial and the fact that the co-accused of the petitioner namely Beant Singh @ Raja has already been granted the concession of regular bail by this Court vide order dated 09.12.2025 passed in CRM-M-59327-2025, extending the benefit of parity, 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 her 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.

March 17, 2026.
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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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