

128 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH



CRM-M-68074-2025 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 19.03.2026

ANUJ SINGH ALIAS ANU ... PETITIONER
VERSUS
STATE OF PUNJAB ... RESPONDENT

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

Present:- Mr. Arnav Sood, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Parneet Singh Pandher, A.A.G., Punjab.

H.S. GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

CRM-2127-2026

1. This is an application for addition of offence under Sections 212 and 216 of IPC in the head note of the petition.
2. The application is allowed. Sections 212 and 216 of IPC are ordered to be incorporated in the head note of the main petition.
3. Registry is directed to make necessary entry in the head note of the main petition.

Main case

1. The petitioner is seeking regular bail under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) in FIR No.59 dated 17.10.2023 registered under Sections 302, 120-B, 201 IPC and Sections 25-54-59 of Arms Act (Sections 212 and 216 of IPC added later on) at Police Station Patara, District Jalandhar.
2. The case of the prosecution is that the wife and daughter of the

complainant have been shot dead at their house by one Karanjeet Singh on the asking of complainant's son-in-law Jaspreet Singh @ Jassa. The allegation against the petitioner is that he harboured the co-accused after the occurrence to help them to evade the process of law.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the present case. The petitioner has neither been named in the FIR nor any role has been attributed to him, however, he has been implicated in this case with the aid of Sections 212 and 216 of IPC. He further submits that the petitioner is in custody for the last 01 year, 11 months and 25 days. He, thus, prays for grant of bail to the petitioner.

4. Learned State counsel vehemently opposes the prayer for grant of regular bail to the petitioner on the ground of gravity of allegations. Learned State counsel has filed the custody certificate in Court, which is taken on record. He further submits that as per the custody certificate, the petitioner is in custody for the last 01 year, 11 months and 25 days and is involved in one more case.

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 petitioner has not been named in the FIR; the petitioner is in custody for the last 01 year, 11 months and 25 days; charges are yet to be framed; the conclusion of trial is likely to take time and continuous detention of the petitioner would not serve the ends of justice, this Court deems it fit to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioner during the pendency of the trial. Moreover, *'bail is rule and jail is exception'*.

7. Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed. The petitioner 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 the petitioner is found indulging in any other criminal case, it shall be open to the State to seek cancellation of his bail.

19.03.2026

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Whether speaking/reasoned

Whether reportable

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Yes/No

Yes/No

(H.S.GREWAL)
JUDGE