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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Decided on :06.02.2026

Ranbir alias Binder

. . . Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Haryana

. . . Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Kartar Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Kanwar Sanjiv Kumar, AAG, Haryana.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (Oral)

1. Present petition has been filed under Section 483 of BNSS, seeking regular bail in FIR No. 303 dated 24.11.2024, under Section 103(1) BNS of 2023 (Sections 190, 191(3), 61(2) of BNS were added later on), registered at Police Station Ding, District Sirsa.

2. Name of the deceased in the present case is Chhidar Singh. FIR was registered at the instance of his brother-Darshan Singh, with the allegation that his brother-Chhidar Singh, was a manual labourer. On the intervening night of 23/24.11.2024, at about 12:00–12:30 a.m., he left his house on a Bajaj Platina motorcycle bearing registration No. HR-24-AG-7137 without informing anyone.



When Chhidar Singh did not return, his wife Gagandeep Kaur called Parvinder Kaur (wife of the complainant) at about 3:30 a.m. and informed her that Chhidar Singh had met with an accident on the National Highway between Ding Road and Maujukheda Bus Stand and that he had been admitted to Sirsa Government Hospital.

The complainant reached the hospital, and after the death of his brother, the present FIR was registered on 24.11.2024.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that there are a total of five accused in the case, namely: (i) Gagandeep Kaur, (ii) Suraj Balmiki, (iii) Gagandeep Singh @ Mangal, (iv) Nand Lal @ Nand, and (v) Ranbir @ Binder (petitioner herein).

4. The story set up by the prosecution is that Armaan, son of deceased-Chhidar Singh, got his statement recorded under Section 183 of the BNSS on 26.11.2024, i.e., two days after the registration of the FIR, wherein it was stated that his mother-Gagandeep Kaur and accused-Suraj Balmiki used to have telephonic conversations with each other. On the same day, co-accused-Suraj Balmiki was arrested and his disclosure statement was recorded, in which he stated that the murder was committed by him in conspiracy with Gagandeep Kaur (wife of the deceased), Gagandeep Singh, Nand Lal @ Nandu, and Ranbir @ Binder (the present petitioner).

5. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that, in fact, no role has been attributed to the petitioner. Moreover, there is no direct or indirect motive alleged against him; therefore, the chances of his

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involvement in such an incident are highly remote. Accordingly, prayer is made for grant of bail.

6. Learned State counsel has filed status report by way of an affidavit of Raj Singh, HPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police , Law and Order, Sirsa in Court today. Same is taken on record. Registry is directed to tag the same at appropriate place with the paper-book.

Learned State counsel opposes the bail application on the ground that the petitioner is named as a co-conspirator in a heinous offence of murder. The disclosure statement of co-accused Suraj Balmiki specifically implicates the petitioner in the criminal conspiracy. The offence is grave in nature and there is likelihood that if the petitioner, released on bail, may influence witnesses or tamper with evidence. Hence, in view of the seriousness of the allegations and the role attributed to the petitioner, learned State counsel prays for dismissal of the bail application.

7. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have carefully perused the paper-book, along with the documents appended thereto, including the status report.

8. As per the status report, though there is an allegation of telephonic conversation between two of the accused, namely Gagandeep Kaur and Suraj Balmiki but neither any call details or its history has been furnished in the status report, nor is appended therewith.

9. Moreover, even if the allegations against petitioner are taken to be correct, it is not highlighted, as to for what interest the petitioner

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would get involve himself without any motive to kill someone. However, this aspect is required to be examined and determined during the course of trial with the aid of evidence.

10. Allegation regarding transportation of the accused persons by the petitioner needs a deep scrutiny during trial, particularly when it is an admitted position that the petitioner is running a tempo bearing registration No. HR-62A-2228 for the purpose of transportation. Petitioner is in custody for the last one year, one month, and fourteen days, no other criminal case is registered against him, and out of a total of 34 prosecution witnesses, only two have been examined so far. The burden of proving the allegations against the accused lies heavily upon the prosecution.

In view of the prolonged incarceration and the principles governing personal liberty, this Court finds merit in the prayer of the petitioner. Consequently, present petition is allowed.

Petitioner is ordered to be released on bail, subject to his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/ Chief Judicial Magistrate/Illaq Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate concerned, if not required in any other case.

11. Any of the discussion done and recorded hereabove, shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the facts of the case. Therefore, trial Court is expected to decide the case by taking an independent view, on the basis of evidence available on record, as expeditiously as possible in accordance with law.



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12. It is further made clear that if, in future, the petitioner is found to be directly involved in similar activities, the prosecution would be at liberty to seek cancellation of bail.

13. Petition stands disposed of.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

06.02.2026

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
Whether Reportable: Yes/No