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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-71846-2025

Date of decision: 26th February, 2026

Rajwant Kaur

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present: Mr. Gurjant Singh Bhullar, Advocate with
Ms. Simran Dhingra, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Sakshi Bakshi, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab.

MANISHA BATRA, J (ORAL):-

The present petition has been filed under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') by the petitioner seeking grant of regular bail in case bearing FIR No. 132 dated 16.11.2025 registered under Sections 103 and 3(5) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNS') and Section 25 of Arms Act, 1959 at Police Station Khalchian, District Amritsar, Punjab.

2. As per the allegations, FIR No. 121 dated 27.10.2025 was registered under Sections 125, 308(4), 351(3) read with Section 3(5) of BNS and Section 25 of Arms Act, on the basis of statement recorded by the complainant Lakhwinder Singh, alleging that on the night of 26.10.2025,

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some unidentified persons had fired several shots at his house. He had also received a call on his cell phone and the caller while introducing himself as Jaisal Chambal demanded ransom amount of Rs. 50 lakh and otherwise extended threats to kill. The CCTV cameras installed outside his house was checked and it was found that two youths riding on a motorcycle and with muffled faces had fired shots towards his house on the night of 26.10.2025. Then the aforementioned FIR No. 132 was registered on the basis of statement recorded by the complainant Lakhwinder Singh alleging that his father Manjit Singh had been shot at when he was present at his shop on 16.11.2025. On receipt of information, the complainant had rushed there and found his father lying down in a pool of blood. It was found that one bullet had hit his chest and he had succumbed to the injuries. While narrating the incident that had taken place on 26.10.2025, the complainant alleged that the murder of his father was committed by the above said Jaisal Chambal.

3. After registration of FIR, investigation proceedings were initiated. The complainant recorded his supplementary statement on 17.11.2025 alleging that he had made inquiry and had come to know that Jaisal Chambal @ Gurdeep Singh was a dreaded gangster and formed a gang including his mother Rajwant Kaur i.e. the present petitioner and other family members. All of them were involved in harbouring shooters by providing them weapons, accommodation and transportation and managing the ransom money. The petitioner along with Gurpreet Singh and Sukhwant Kaur was nominated as accused. She was arrested on 17.11.2025. Co-accused Gurpreet

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Singh was also arrested who disclosed that his maternal uncle Sukhchain Singh used to do recce of the house and shop of the complainant. The petitioner suffered disclosure statement that her son Gurdev Singh @ Jaisal Chambal had gone to USA in the year 2022, had joined some anti-social elements and had started making extortion calls. The youngsters who used to receive extortion amounts on the behest of her son, used to be given shelter by her. Her son Gurpreet Singh and herself arranged vehicle for such youths. She also disclosed that her brother Anokh Singh had done recce of house and shop of the victim on asking of her son and the shooters who had fired at the house of the complainant were also known to her son. Subsequently, some other accused persons were nominated as accused. Investigation qua the petitioner stands concluded.

4. It is argued by learned counsel for the petitioner that she has been falsely implicated in this case. Her son Gurdev Singh was indulged in illegal activities and had been disowned by herself and her husband in the year 2022. She has no relation with him, and he was not in her control. He has left India and is residing abroad. She has no role to play in commission of the subject offences. She was not named in the FIR. No specific role has been attributed to her. Her antecedents are clean. She is an old age lady. Her continued detention would not serve any useful purpose. She has permanent abode. With these broad submissions, it is urged that the petition deserves to be allowed.

5. *Per contra*, learned State counsel has argued that there are serious and specific allegations against the petitioner who at the behest of her son

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Gurdev Singh @ Jaisal Chambal, used to harbour the shooters/persons who were engaged in making demands of extortion money or firing shots outside the house of the victim to overawe or to kill him. The father of the complainant had been killed by one of such persons. There are chances of petitioner's absconding or committing similar offences if extended benefit of bail. Therefore, it is stressed that the petition does not deserve to be allowed.

6. This Court has heard learned counsel for the parties at considerable length.

7. The petitioner is alleged to have harboured the shooters alleged to have been nominated by his son Jaisal Chambal @ Gurdev Singh residing abroad. According to the petitioner, he is lodged in US Jail from the last three years. She was nominated on the basis of supplementary statement of the complainant. Apart from the allegations as levelled in the supplementary statement, there is no material at this stage on record to show the manner in which the petitioner was involved in this case either by harbouring the other co-accused or otherwise. As such, it is only a matter of trial and it is only on thorough assessment of the evidence to be adduced before the trial Court that any conclusion as to her involvement in commission of the subject offences can be drawn. She is in custody since 21.11.2025. Trial will take time to conclude. No useful purpose would be served by detaining her in custody anymore. In view of the above discussed facts this Court is of the considered opinion that the petitioner has made out a case for release on bail. Accordingly, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail

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subject to her furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate concerned.

8. However, in addition to the conditions to be imposed by the learned trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Chief Judicial Magistrate, the release of the petitioner shall also be subject to the following conditions :

- (i) she shall not absent herself on any date before the learned trial Court;
- (ii) she shall deposit her passport, if any, with the learned trial Court;
- (iii) she shall give the details of her mobile numbers at the police station concerned and shall not change the same without prior permission of the Court;
- (iv) she shall not delay the trial in any manner.

9. It is, however, clarified that the observations made hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case and shall not influence the outcome of the trial.

10. Since the main petition has already been disposed of, pending application, if any, is rendered infructuous.

[MANISHA BATRA]
JUDGE

26th February, 2026
Parveen Sharma

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| 1. Whether speaking/ reasoned | : | Yes / No |
| 2. Whether reportable | : | Yes / No |