



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-73579-2025
Decided on : 17.03.2026

SUKHPAL SINGH ALIAS SURINDER ALIAS SHINDU
.....Petitioner
Versus
STATE OF PUNJAB
.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. PKS Phoolka, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Jasdeep Singh, Addl. AG, Punjab.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J.

1. The instant petition has been filed under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 439 Cr.P.C.), for grant of regular bail to the petitioner, during the pendency of trial, who has been booked in a criminal case arising out of First Information Report, as detailed hereunder:-

Name of Petitioner(s)	FIR No.	Date	Section(s)	Police Station	District
Sukhpal Singh @ Surinder @ Shindu, aged about 28 years	282	19.11.2022	302 read with section 34 IPC, sections 25, 27 of Arms Act and section 30 of Arms Act added later on	Civil Lines	Bathinda

2. In the present case, FIR was registered at the instance of complainant-Yobandeep Singh, alleging that his father had passed away two years ago. In 2017, a criminal case under Section 376 of IPC was registered at Police Station Bathinda, against the petitioner by the



complainant’s mother-Kulwinder Kaur. Subsequently, the dispute in that case was compromised, and petitioner married Kulwinder Kaur.

As per the allegations, on 18.11.2022, petitioner, along with two companions, called Kulwinder Kaur (since deceased) to the bus stand and murdered her by firing a revolver.

3. Counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner is inside jail for a period of approximately three years and two months, and trial is not progressing at the required pace. Therefore, conclusion of the trial is likely to take considerable time.

Counsel further argues that petitioner cannot be detained indefinitely inside jail, unless charges are proved beyond reasonable doubt, and thus, prays for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in the present case.

4. This Court has heard the submissions addressed by counsel for the parties and has also gone through the record available before it.

5. Considering the serious nature of the allegations and slow progress of the trial, wherein examination-in-chief of only three witnesses, out of total twenty-nine have been recorded, this Court finds it appropriate to dispose of the present petition, by directing the trial court to expedite proceedings, and to conclude the trial, as early as possible, preferably within a period of nine months from today.

6. **With the directions issued here above, present petition stands disposed of.**

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

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Whether Speaking/Reasoned: YES/NO
Whether Reportable: YES/NO