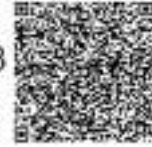


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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-73858-2025

Date of decision: 26th February, 2026

Jasvinder @ Jassi @ Hudda

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present: Mr. Sunil Kumar Dhanda, Advocate for the petitioner.

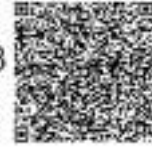
Mr. Neeraj Poswal, Assistant Advocate General, Haryana.

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. 203 dated 18.05.2024 registered under Sections 307, 387, 120-B of IPC, 1860 and Sections 25 and 27 of Arms Act, 1959 at Police Station Kaithal City, District Kaithal, Haryana.

2. As per the allegations, on the evening of 18.05.2024, the complainant along with one Rajeev was present in his shop situated at Durga Market, Kaithal, wherein he was running business of wholesale of grains. Suddenly, three youths came there while riding on a bike and stopped there. One of them fired two shots towards the shop of the complainant with intent

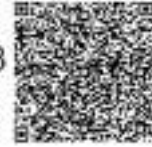
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to kill him. The complainant and his companion had a narrow escape. Another shot was fired by the same youth while fleeing away which hit the glass of the shop. While alleging that he could identify those youths on seeing them, the complainant prayed for taking action.

3. After registration of FIR, investigation proceedings were initiated. During investigation, CCTV footage of the crime scene as well as the route through which those youths had reached at the spot, were checked and it was found that they had come from village Chandana to Kaithal. Their faces were clearly seen in the CCTV footages. The accused Virender Bugla and Rohtash @ Tashu were arrested on 22.05.2024. They were interrogated and suffered disclosure statements to the effect that a conspiracy was initially hatched between him, accused Virender Bugla and Badal, a native of his village who was residing abroad, to extort money from some businessman and it was planned that one of them would fire shots with some weapon to create terror with such businessman and then they would extort money. He disclosed that in pursuance of that conspiracy, he along with co-accused Virender Bugla and two more youths had gone to the place of occurrence and one of them fired three shots with a pistol to scare the complainant. In pursuance of his disclosure statement, accused Sombir was nominated as accused. Accused Sombir and Virender Bugla were arrested on 20.07.2024. The accused Rohtash suffered another disclosure statement on 26.05.2024, on the basis of which, the present petitioner was nominated as co-accused on the allegations that he was one of the persons who had fired shots outside the shop of the

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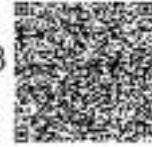


complainant. The petitioner was arrested on 02.06.2024. He too suffered disclosure statement admitting his involvement in the crime and got recovered one .32 bore pistol with 04 rounds. Some other accused were arrested subsequently. Investigation now stands concluded.

4. It is argued by learned counsel for the petitioner that he was not named in the FIR and has been falsely implicated in this case on the basis of disclosure statement of the co-accused which cannot be considered to be admissible in evidence. It is a case of no injury. A false recovery has been planted upon him. No test identification parade of the petitioner has been conducted. Co-accused Rohtash, Sombir and Virender Bugla have been extended benefit of bail. On parity, he too deserves to be extended the same benefit. Trial will take considerable time to conclude. It is, thus, argued that the petition deserves to be allowed.

5. *Per contra*, learned State counsel while relying upon the status report has argued that the allegations against the petitioner are quite serious and specific in nature. In fact, he was the person who had fired shots with pistol outside the shop of the complainant with intent to kill him and his companion. He is a habitual offender and has even remained convict. He has been held guilty and convicted for commission of offence punishable under Section 302 of IPC as much. He is also facing trial in some cases. He was seen in CCTV footage of the petrol pump where just after occurrence he had gone to fill petrol. There are chances of his absconding or committing similar offences, if extended benefit of bail. Therefore, it is stressed that the petition

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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 be a part of conspiracy hatched with the co-accused and in pursuance thereof, he is alleged to have gone outside the shop of the complainant along with the co-accused, shots were fired by him with an intent to kill the complainant. In his first disclosure statement, the co-accused Rohtash had not taken the name of the petitioner. However, in his subsequent disclosure statement and as per the disclosure statement of the petitioner himself, the petitioner was one of the persons who had fired two shots outside the shop of the complainant on account of his not giving ransom money. The antecedents of the petitioner are not clean, and he has been held guilty and convicted in a murder case. The allegations prima facie show his complicity in the commission of the subject offences. His case cannot be stated to be at parity with the case of the co-accused. Trial has commenced and is going on at a proper pace. There is no material on record to show that there would be any undue delay in conclusion thereof, since 14 out of 26 prosecution witnesses already stand examined. Taking into consideration the nature of the allegations as levelled against the petitioner, the part attributed to him, the quantum of sentence which the conviction may entail and the circumstances peculiar to the case, this Court is of the considered opinion that the petition does not deserve to be allowed. Accordingly, the same is dismissed.

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8. 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.

9. Since the main petition has already been decided, 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 |