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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH.**

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CRM-M-16112-2026.

Date of Decision: 30.03.2026.

Ranjit Singh @ Rana

....Petitioner.

VERSUS

State of Punjab

....Respondent.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Rishu Mahajan, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Jasdeep Singh, Additional Advocate General, Punjab.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (Oral)

Present petition has been filed under Section 483 of BNSS, seeking regular bail in case FIR No.18 dated 02.02.2024 under Sections 307, 336, 506, 148, 149 IPC (Section 302 IPC added lateron), registered at Police Station Bhindi Saidan, District Amritsar.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the incident in question pertains to the death of Gurmukh Singh, a boy aged nearly 17-18 years, as a result of the gunfire shot attributed to Jaskaran Singh i.e. the main accused. Counsel submits that co-accused Satnam Singh has been granted bail by the Co-ordinate Bench of this Court, vide order dated 12.03.2026 passed in CRM-M-4779-2025 and he was attributed the role of firing in air with his licensed weapon, whereas the attribution to the petitioner is that though the petitioner was armed with *Gandasi*, but it was never used for causing any injury to any of the injured including the deceased. Another role attributed to



the petitioner is of giving *Lalkara* only. Counsel submits that the petitioner is in custody since 07.02.2024. The investigation in this case is complete and charge sheet has been filed. The charge has also been framed on 02.09.2024 and out of 24 witnesses, only 02 have been examined so far. He further contends that the petitioner has no other criminal antecedents.

3. On the other hand, learned State counsel does not dispute the facts as aforesaid and does not controvert that the petitioner is not attributed any injury to any person. He further does not dispute that the allegation levelled against the petitioner is that though the petitioner was armed with *Gandasi*, but he has not used the same for causing any injury to any of the injured including the deceased and that he raised *Lalkara* only.

4. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the paper-book along with the documents appended thereto including the order granting bail to co-accused Satnam Singh.

5. The only allegation levelled against the petitioner is that he was armed with *Gandasi*, but neither he used nor caused any injury to any of the injured including the deceased and he has only raised a *Lalkara*. Out of total 24 prosecution witnesses, only 02 have been examined till date. Any longer incarceration of the petitioner inside the jail would not serve any substantial purpose. The veracity of allegations are yet to be established at the final stage of the trial, which would depend upon the quality of evidence to be led before the Trial Court. Moreover, this Court is of the opinion that conclusion of the trial is likely to take a considerable period of time. In these circumstances, this Court finds merit in the petitioner's prayer.



Accordingly, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, present petition is allowed. Petitioner is ordered to be released on bail, subject to her 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.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. Petition stands disposed of.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

30.03.2026

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