



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-56636-2025 (O&M)

Date of decision: 15.10.2025

Sanjay Kumar @ Sanjay

...Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

State of Punjab

...Respondent(s)

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present :- Mr. Gaganvir Singh Gill, Advocate for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Mohit Kapoor, Sr. DAG Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

1. The instant petition has been filed for the grant of regular bail to the petitioner(s) in FIR bearing No.166 dated 20.12.2024, registered under Section(s) 304, 3(5) (Section 304 deleted and Section 311 added, later on) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Section(s) 25 of the Arms Act, 1959 at Police Station Model Town, District Police Commissionerate Ludhiana, Punjab.

2. The facts and allegations are being taken from the translated copy of FIR annexed with the bail petition as Annexure P-1, which reads as follows:-

Statement of Sandeep Varaich son of Shri Om Prakash resident of House No.B-1/16 Army Apartments, Phase-3 Dugri, Ludhiana, aged about 39 years M.No.95011-xxxx stated that I am a resident of the above said address and I teach private



tuition in Sandeep Physics Pathshala, SCO 13, Model Town Tuition Market. I have a vehicle bearing registration No. HR 24-T-7479 Mark Varna, white coloured, Model 2014 bearing Engine No. D4FBDU352276 chasis No. MALCU41ULEM157065 and its R.C. is in the name of Viney son of Shri Kalu Ram, resident of House No.1587 HUDA Sector-20, Part-2, Sirsa, Haryana. I daily used to go from my house to teaching at Tuition Market on my car. Today, on 20.12.2024, at 05.45 AM, I as of routine left my house on the above said car numbered to Tuition Market for teaching. When I was going towards Tuition Market on Pakhowal Road on the 200 feet wide road, then a car Make Toyota Etios, white coloured in which 3-4 unknown persons were riding in the car were seen following me. They tried to stop me on the way, due to which I scared and I increased the speed of vehicle. But when I was made a U-turn on the road leading to Model Town Extension near Block-A and reached a little ahead of A-One Chicken, then all of sudden the above said Toyota Etos reached ahead of my car, then I stopped my car, then two unknown persons who were armed with Pistol/revolver came out of car and told me are you not watching, come out of vehicle. I suddenly panicked and came out of car and they sit in my car and told me keep away, go away, are you not seeing the pistol. They fled away and took away my Varna car towards Pakhowal



Road and the original documents of the vehicle were lying in the car. After which I was scared and now I was coming to you to narrate the incident. I met you on the way. I have got my statement recorded with you. I have heard the same and have gone through the same and admit it to be correct. Kindly take appropriate legal action against unknown persons.”.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that as per the allegations set out by the prosecution, there are total 3 accused, who have been nominated in the present case. He contends that the petitioner is stated to be the driver of the Car in which the other two accused committed the act of snatching the vehicle of the complainant. He contends that the co-accused/Hardeep Singh, who was carrying a gun and is attributed to have threatened the complainant to handover the car, has already been granted the concession of regular bail vide order dated 12.09.2025 passed by a Coordinate Bench of this Court in CRM-M-32943-2025. He submits that the petitioner has been in custody since 23.01.2025 and the investigation in the present is complete. He submits that case of the petitioner is identical to that of co-accused/Hardeep Singh.

4. Learned counsel for respondent-State does not dispute the aforesaid factual aspects.

5. Taking into consideration the period of actual custody undergone by the petitioner, the case of the petitioner being at a better footing than co-accused/Hardeep Singh, who has already been granted the concession of regular bail vide order dated 12.09.2025 passed by a



Coordinate Bench of this Court in CRM-M-32943-2025 and bearing in mind that the conclusion of the trial is likely to take a long time, I deem it fit to allow the instant petition.

6. Accordingly, the instant petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be admitted to regular bail subject to his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Illaq Magistrate concerned.

7. It is made clear that the petitioner shall not extend any threat and shall not influence any prosecution witness in any manner directly or indirectly.

8. The observation made hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression on the merits of the case and the trial Court shall decide the case on the basis of available material.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

15.10.2025

Mangal Singh

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No