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

226/1

CRM-M-64544-2024

Date of decision: September 10, 2025

GURMUKH SINGH @ JASVEER SINGH @ TEENA

.....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. A.D.S. Jattana, Advocate and
Mr. Mandeep Singh Gill, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Rana, Sr. DAG, Punjab
Assisted by SI Karanjit Kaur.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J.(ORAL)

1. The instant petition has been filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.85 dated 05.06.2024 under Sections 302, 307, 452, 506, 148, 149 of Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Lambi, District Sri Muktsar Sahib (Annexure P-1).

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that a perusal of the FIR (Annexure P-1) reveals that the petitioner has not been named either in connection with the occurrence which took place between co-accused and deceased nor in the subsequent ambush, which allegedly took place following the first incident. It has been contended that the petitioner came to be nominated as an accused on a later date, and that too, on account of local village politics. It has been argued that even otherwise, no suspicion was raised *qua* the involvement of the petitioner in the occurrence in question, in



which one person namely Gurmeet Ram lost his life, while another person Manjit Ram was inflicted injuries by the co-accused. Learned counsel has also submitted that as per the challan presented, the only role attributed to the petitioner is of having conspired with the co-accused in carrying out the crime in question.

3. Learned counsel has still further submitted that in view of no injury having been attributed to the petitioner either on the person of the deceased or even the injured Manjit Ram, and the petitioner having no criminal antecedents, the petitioner deserves to be extended the concession of bail as he has now been in custody since 13.06.2024; as many as 28 prosecution witnesses have been cited, till date, only one witness stands examined. Hence, the possibility of the trial concluding in the near future does not arise.

4. *Per contra*, learned State counsel assisted by learned counsel for the complainant, has vehemently opposed the prayer and submissions made by the counsel opposite. Learned State counsel, on instructions, has not disputed the custody period of the petitioner nor has he disputed the stage of trial. It has also not been disputed that the petitioner has not been attributed any injury, much less fatal, on the person of the deceased or even on injured Manjit Ram. However, it has been asserted by the learned State counsel as well as learned counsel for the complainant that there was a rivalry between the parties as they belonged to different political outfits. It was in that backdrop, all the accused carried out a premeditated attack and



the petitioner actively conspired with the co-accused by lending his passive support.

5. Learned State counsel as well as the learned counsel for the complainant have reiterated the allegations levelled in the FIR (Annexure P-1), which stands reproduced hereinunder:-

“Statement Gurjant Singh, son of Gurmeet Ram and grandson of Tahla Ram, resides in the village of Kakhawali and is approximately 20 years old. His phone number is 76529-60026. He reported that he works as a labourer, and on June 1, 2024, during the elections, the Congress party set up a booth in front of his uncle Manjit Ram's house. Harbans Ram, who is affiliated with the Aam Aadmi Party, advised my uncle and father, Gurmeet Ram, against allowing a Congress booth to be established near their home. The sarpanch, Dalip Ram, was angered by this and stated that they did not remove the Congress booth despite his request. On June 4, 2024, at around 6:30 PM, I, my father Gurmeet Ram, and my uncle Manjit Ram were at my uncle's house when several individuals, including Our village Sarpanch Dalip Ram S/o Harbans Ram with Gandassa, Malikit Ram son of Harbans Ram with Musla Sela, Boota Ram son of Hansa with Moosla Kahi Dasta, Sandeep Ram son of Malkit with Musla Danda, Sandeep Ram Son of Harbans Ram Musla Danda, Gagandeep Ram son of Kashmiri Ram with Musla Kirpan, Boota Ram son of Shankar Ram son of Baja Ram Musla Danda, Boota Ram son of Hansa Ram son of Fauja Ram Musla Danda, Harbans Singh son of Mal Singh Chaki Wala Musla Rod, Happy son of Satpal son of Amar Ram Musla Danda, residents of Kakhwali and others, entered the house armed with deadly weapons. Dilip Ram, the sarpanch, demanded to know where the Congress booth was being set up. In response, they shot my father, Gurmeet Ram, in the left leg and injured him in several other areas. When my uncle Manjit Ram tried to intervene to assist my father, Dilip Ram struck him on the back of the head with a dagger. The assailants then fled the scene. I contacted my uncle, Kashmir Ram (son of Doggar), to arrange for transportation. Along with Gursevak Singh (son of Manjit Ram), we took Gurmeet Ram for medical treatment. While we were transporting my father and uncle Manjit Ram to the government hospital in Lambhi, they were ambushed again near Lambhi village by Jasvir Singh @ Tina (son of Bodha



Singh), Harspinder Singh (son of Hardeep Singh), Ramesh Kumar (son of Mangha Ram), and Amritpal Singh (son of Swaran Singh), who attacked them once more. After this second attack, Gursevak Singh admitted Gurmeet Ram and Manjit Ram to the government hospital in Lambhi. Due to lots of injuries doctor refer both of them to Bathinda Government Hospital. Unfortunately, my father, Gurmeet Ram, passed away that night due to the injuries he sustained. My uncle Manjit Ram was admitted to the Neuro Centre in Bathinda. On the day of the incident, several assailants had entered my uncle Manjit Ram's house with the intent to kill both my father and my uncle. At present, my father is deceased, and my uncle Manjit Ram remains hospitalized. Legal action should be taken against all the assailants mentioned. Gurpinder Singh Surjit Singh Resident of Kampwali Phone 97801-51953, Verification SD/- Baljit Singh SI, Chief Officer RG Jana Killianwali, Date 5-6-2024, Action Police:- Today, RG Pana Killianwali received notification from the police station Lambi that Gurmeet Ram son of Tehila Ram and Manjit Ram son of Tehila Ram residents of Kakhawali are admitted to Government Hospital Lambi due to injuries SI/SHO For the action of fellow employees, CH Lambi arrived first Police Station to MLR no. BS/BB/Lambi/2024 Gurmeet Singh son of Tehila Ram and MLR no. BS/89/Lambi/2024 Manjit Ram, son of Tehila Ram Vasian, reached Government Hospital Lambi after obtaining Takhwali. Dr. Obtained a written opinion from the Sahib to take the statements of both. Dr Sahib wrote about referring the both to CH Bathinda for treatment and then received a telephone notification from DCR Bathinda that Gurmeet Ram, son of Tahila Ram, resident of Kukhawali, due to serious injuries has been dead. His body were lying in the Morchary of CH Bathinda on which SI/SHO along with ASI Baj Singh no. 412/SMS, C-1 Ranveer Singh 567, Sct Buta Singh No. 908.C1 Gurbhag Singh No. 657 Bajawadi government vehicle Bolero No. PB-65BF-2052 whose driver Ct Sudesh Kumar 396 DCR Bathinda at stop number 2412/DCR/BTI dated 5.6.24 reached the Government Hospital Bathinda in the hospital Mudai Gurjant Singh son of Gurmeet Ram resident of Kakhawali Including other men and Gurpinder Singh son of Surjit Singh resident Kukhwanwali was found who got his statement written down to me, which was read out word by word, who after listening to his statement accepted it as correct and signed in Punjabi under his statement. With a verified statement, MLRs have been examined, and all cases of diarrhoea are found to be offences under 302,307,452.506,148,149 IPC. Therefore, the



statement is recorded against the said accused Dalip Kumar, Malkit Ram, Buta Ram Sandeep Ram Gagandeep Ram, Sandeep Ram, Buta Ram, Harbans Singh, Buta Ram Happy resident of Kakhanwali and Jasvir Singh, Harshpinder Singh, Ramesh Kumar, Amritpal Singh resident Panjawa. HC Buta Singh No. 908 is sent to Lambi police station and the case number should be registered and informed about the case number. SD/-Baljit Singh SI, SHO RG Police Station Kakhanwali, Date 5-6-2024, Today CH Bathinda 01.15 PM Today Police Station:- Statement being registered in the said responsible police station, the said case, the said crime, the original statement by registering the statement of accused. Duplicate FIR Manual Arrival S/C is being sent to Area Magistrate and Officers are being notified.”

6. Learned State counsel has, however, controverted the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner that he has clean antecedents. In support, learned State counsel has placed on record the custody certificate of the petitioner, which is taken on record subject to all just exceptions. As per the custody certificate, one case under the Arms Act stands registered against the petitioner.

7. However, learned counsel for the petitioner has placed on record a copy of the order dated 15.10.2024 passed by this Court in CRM-M-8947-2024, wherein it stands reflected that the said FIR already stands quashed *qua* the petitioner.

8. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the relevant material placed on record.

9. The petitioner has been in custody since 13.06.2024. The possibility of the trial concluding in the near future seems remote in view of the fact that as on date, only 1 witness stands examined out of the 28 cited



by the prosecution. Further, keeping in view that no injury, much less fatal, has been attributed to the petitioner, this Court deems it fit to admit the petitioner to bail.

10. Accordingly, the instant petition is allowed, and the petitioner be admitted to bail on his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

11. However, it is made clear that anything observed hereinabove shall not be construed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

12. Needless to add here, in case the petitioner is found misusing the concession of bail, the State would be at liberty to approach this Court to seek cancellation of bail to him.

September 10, 2025

Jaspreet Kaur

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : *Yes/No*

Whether reportable : *Yes/No*