



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

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**CRM-M-33548-2024(O&M);
CRM-M-54685-2024(O&M);
CRM-M-23920-2025 (O&M);
Date of decision: 15.10.2025**

1. CRM-M-33548-2024(O&M)

Sukhdeep Singh ...Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab ...Respondent

2. CRM-M-54685-2024(O&M)

Rajwinder Singh ...Petitioner

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State of Punjab ...Respondent

3. CRM-M-23920-2025 (O&M)

Gurpreet Singh @ Dare-ka ...Petitioner

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State of Punjab ...Respondent

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

Present :- Mr. K.S. Brar, Advocate,
for the petitioner in CRM-M-33548-2024.

Mr. Imaan Singh Khara, Advocate,
for the petitioner in CRM-M-54685-2024.

Mr. Hitesh Verma, Advocate,
for the petitioner in CRM-M-23920-2025.

Mr. Saurav Verma, Addl. AG, Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

This order shall dispose of three bail petitions that have been filed by different accused-petitioners i.e. by Sukhdeep Singh, Rajwinder Singh as well as Gurpreet Singh @ Dare-ka in case bearing FIR No.77 dated 10.09.2023 registered under Sections 302, 307, 323, 120B, 148 and 149 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 at Police Station Balianwali, District Bathinda.



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2. The aforesaid case has been registered on the statement of complainant-Jarman Singh to the effect that his uncle(Masad), Gurmeet Singh had purchased 04 acres of land at Village Mandi Khurd, District Bathinda. The complainant alongwith Gurmeet Singh used to visit the said land. A few days prior to the incident, he alongwith Gurmeet Singh and his wife Paramjit Kaur visited the land whereby Jaswinder Singh, his son Jagmohan Singh and brother-in-law of Jaswinder Singh had come. They claimed that they are owners of the aforesaid land and threatened the complainant and his family members not to interfere in their possession. Thereafter, on 09.09.2023, the complainant alongwith Gurmeet Singh, his wife Paramjit Kaur, his aunt Kuljit Kaur wife of Makhtur Singh and one Princepal Singh(friend of Gurmeet Singh) had gone to the aforesaid land. They were arranging for labour for plantation of Eucalyptus trees. At around 12:40 PM a white coloured Bolero car and three motorcycle (two riders each) came there. Around 6-7 persons alighted from the vehicles armed with deadly weapons like gandasas, swords and kirpans etc. They attacked Paramjit Kaur and Kuljit Kaur with their deadly weapons. Gurmeet Singh and Princepal Singh attempted to protect them. Jaswinder Singh who was armed with an iron rod and Jagmohan Singh who was armed with a sword gave multiple injuries to Paramjit Kaur. Jagmohan Singh gave a sword blow on Gurmeet Singh which hit on his left eye while Jaswinder Singh gave multiple blows of iron rod on the legs of Gurmeet Singh whereupon he fell down. They further gave injuries on the head and other places. Eventually, Gurmeet Singh and others were taken to Civil Hospital, Bathinda. Gurmeet



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Singh passed away as a result of the injuries.

3. Counsel for the petitioners contend that the petitioners are not named in the FIR and no overt act has been attributed to them. Besides, there is no recovery of any nature that has been effected from the petitioners. The name of the petitioners cropped up in a supplementary statement of the complainant, which is recorded nearly 13 days after the incident. It is contended that Sukhdeep Singh (petitioner in CRM-M-33548-2024) has already undergone an actual custody of 02 years approximately while Rajwinder Singh and Gurpreet Singh @ Dare-ka (petitioners in CRM-M-54685-2024 & CRM-M-23920-2025 respectively) have undergone an actual custody of more than 01 year 10 months respectively. It is further contended that only 03 witnesses out of 33 witnesses cited by the prosecution have been examined so far. It is further contended that the testimony of Nirmal Singh, Balwant Singh and Paramjit Kaur who are the victims and eye-witnesses to the said incident, have not attributed any injuries to the petitioners. Learned counsel for the petitioners submit that two eye-witnesses who got injured and were admitted to the hospital have not supported the case of the prosecution and have turned hostile.

4. Learned State Counsel submits that all the persons were armed and have attacked the complainant party and caused multiple injuries to the deceased-Gurmeet Singh. He is however, not in a position to dispute that only 03 witnesses out of 33 witnesses have been examined so far and two witnesses have been given up. He submits that 28 witnesses are yet to be examined by the prosecution. The custody of the petitioners is also not



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disputed. He further does not dispute that the petitioners do not have any other criminal antecedents. It is also not disputed by the counsel that no recovery of any weapon is effected from the petitioners.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the respective parties and have gone through the documents appended along with the present petitions.

6. Taking into consideration the facts as noticed above, the period of actual custody undergone by each of the petitioners, aged about 19, 21 and 28 years as well as their clean antecedents and bearing in mind the stage of trial wherein 28 witnesses are yet to be examined, I deem it appropriate to allow the instant petitions.

7. Accordingly, the instant petitions are *allowed* and the petitioners are ordered to be admitted to regular bail subject to their furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Illaqa Magistrate concerned.

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

9. 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.

15.10.2025

Sumit Gusain

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

**(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE**