



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-40687-2025 (O&M)  
Date of Decision:15.10.2025

Mukhtiar Singh @ Manga

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY**

Present:- Mr. Kulwinder Singh Dhillon, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Manipal Singh Atwal, DAG, Punjab

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**AMAN CHAUDHARY J.(Oral)**

1. Prayer in the present petition filed under Section 483 BNSS is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.137 dated 11.05.2022 registered under Sections 304, 109 and 34 of IPC and Section 29 of NDPS Act at Police Station Cantonment, District Amritsar.

2. Learned counsel contends that the petitioner has been in custody for 03 years and approximately 04 months. He was nominated after one month of lodging of the FIR. There is neither any evidence to connect him with the alleged offence nor any specific allegation against him. Co-accused namely Gurdeep Singh @ Jeetu and Gurjhit Singh @ Geeta have already been enlarged on bail vide Annexures P-5 and P-6. The challan stands presented on 09.08.2022. Charges have been framed on 05.01.2024 however, out of 17 prosecution witnesses, only 05 have been examined. No other case is pending against the petitioner.



3. The custody certificate dated 14.10.2025 filed by the learned State counsel is taken on record. As per the same, the petitioner is behind bars for 03 years, 03 months and 26 days.

4. Learned State counsel opposes the bail on the ground that the name of the petitioner surfaced during the course of investigation and he had administered injection to the deceased which led to his death. However, he is unable to controvert the submissions with regard to the stage of the case, co-accused being on bail and the petitioner not being involved in any other case.

5. Heard.

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, in particular that the petitioner is in custody for the last 03 years, 03 months and 26 days; he is not involved in any other case; co-accused have been enlarged on bail; challan was filed on 09.08.2022; the charges have been framed on 09.01.2024 and till date only 5 out of 17 prosecution witnesses have been examined; the trial is likely to take a considerable time, further incarceration of the petitioner would be violative of his right enshrined under Article 21 of the Constitution of India, the present petition is allowed.

7 The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail, subject to furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned, if not required in any other case and shall abide by the following conditions:-

(i) The petitioner will not tamper with the evidence during the trial.

(ii) The petitioner will not pressurize/ intimidate the prosecution witnesses.



(iii) The petitioner will appear before the trial Court on each and every date fixed, unless is exempted by a specific order of Court.

(iv) The petitioner shall not commit an offence similar to the offence of which, he is an accused, or for commission of which he is suspected of.

(v) The petitioner shall not directly or indirectly coerce, induce, threaten or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him/ her from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer or tamper with the evidence in any manner.

(vi) The petitioner shall not in any manner misuse his liberty.

(vii) The petitioner shall furnish his address and mobile number by way of an affidavit to the trial Court and not change the same till conclusion of trial and if for any reasons, he seeks to change either of the aforesaid, it shall be done only with prior information to the learned trial Court.

(viii) The petitioner shall not leave the country without prior permission of the trial Court.

(ix) The trial Court/Duty Magistrate may impose any other condition, as deemed appropriate while releasing the petitioner.

8. It is made abundantly clear that in case there is any breach of the aforesaid conditions, the State shall be at liberty to seek cancellation of bail as granted to the petitioner by this order.

9. In view of the above, it is clarified that the observations made herein above are limited for the purpose of present proceedings and would not be construed as any opinion on the merits of the case and the trial would proceed independently of the aforesaid observations.

**(AMAN CHAUDHARY)**  
**JUDGE**

**15.10.2025**

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No