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

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**CRM-M No.3383 of 2025
Date of Decision: 27.02.2025**

Harjinder Kaur @ Jinder

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present: Mr. Karan Choudhary, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Sakshi Bakshi, AAG, Punjab,
for the respondent-State.

MANISHA BATRA, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed by the petitioner under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (For short "BNSS") seeking regular bail in the FIR mentioned below:-

FIR No.	Dated	Police Station	Sections
136	23.10.2024	Dera Baba Nanak, Batala, District Gurdaspur	109, 111 and 308 (4) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (For short "BNS") (109, 111 (5) and 112 of BNS added later on) and 25 of the Arms Act, 1959

2. Adumbrated facts as emanating from the record are that the

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aforementioned FIR had been registered on the basis of statement recorded by the complainant Randeep Singh alleging that on the evening of 23.10.2024, one unknown person had come to his medical shop and had called him outside. When he reached there, the said person took out a pistol and fired a shot with the same thereby hitting his left thigh. On rescue alarm being raised, he had managed to flee. He alleged that the attack was made to extort money from him as he had been receiving extortion calls. After registration of FIR, investigation proceedings were initiated. The accused Anmol Singh was nominated as such on the basis of a secret information. He was arrested. Some other accused were also arrested. Accused Anmol Singh suffered a disclosure statement on the basis of which the present petitioner had been nominated as an accused on the allegations that she is real sister of Jobanpreet Singh who was the main shooter in the occurrence and provided logistic support to the main shooter and other accused and also harboured them and gave shelter to them. The petitioner was arrested and is in custody since 05.11.2024. Investigation qua her stands concluded.

3. It is argued by learned counsel for the petitioner that she has been falsely implicated in this case. She was not named in the FIR and has been implicated on the basis of disclosure statement of co-accused Anmol Singh which cannot be considered to be admissible in evidence. The petitioner is real sister of Jobanpreet Singh alleged main shooter and because of being his family member, she has been implicated in this case. Five of the co-accused have been granted concession of bail and on parity, she too

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deserves to be given the same benefit. The investigation has been completed. Trial is likely to take time. Her further detention would not serve any useful purpose. Therefore, it is urged that she deserves to be released on bail.

4. Status report has already been filed. Learned Assistant Advocate General, Punjab has argued that there are serious allegations against the petitioner as she wilfully assisted in the commission of Organized Crime of Extortion by allegedly providing logistic support to the main shooter and co-accused for attempting kill and extortion. There are chances of her absconding or intimidating witnesses if extended benefit of bail. Therefore, it is urged that the petition does not deserve to be allowed.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties at considerable length and have gone through the record.

6. The petitioner is alleged to have been nominated as an accused by the co-accused Anmol Singh in his disclosure statement. Allegations against her are that she provided logistic support to the main shooter and other accused, harboured them and gave shelter to them. The petitioner has no criminal antecedents. She is in custody since 05.11.2024. Challan has been filed but trial is likely to take time. Five of the co-accused have already been granted benefit of bail. Her further incarceration would not serve any useful purpose. Keeping in view the above discussed facts but without meaning to make any comment on the merits of the case, I am of the opinion that the petitioner deserves to be released on bail. Accordingly, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be admitted to bail subject to her

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furnishing personal as well as surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned trial Court/CJM/Duty Magistrate concerned.

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**(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No