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

**CRM-M-51776-2025 (O & M)
Date of Decision:-30.09.2025**

Gurlal Singh @ Kali

.....Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASJIT SINGH BEDI

Present:- Mr. Dishant Jindal, Advocate
for the Petitioner.

Mr. Harkanwar Jeet Singh, Asstt. A.G., Punjab.

JASJIT SINGH BEDI, J.

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The application for placing on record certain documents (Annexure P-9 to P-15) is allowed as prayed for subject to all just exceptions. The same are taken on record.

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The prayer in this petition under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023 is for the grant of regular bail in case FIR No.0236 dated 31.08.2023 under Sections 307, 324, 323 and 34 IPC (Section 326 IPC added later on), registered at Police Station Sadar Mansa, Punjab.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. He submits that the main accused- Harjiwan Singh @ Gursewak Singh @ Chela has been granted the concession of bail by the Court of the Additional Sessions Judge,



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Mansa, vide order dated 20.06.2025 (Annexure P-7). All the material prosecution witnesses stand examined and have not supported the prosecution case. As the petitioner is in custody since 01.09.2023 but 17 prosecution witnesses remain to be examined, the Trial of the present case is not likely to be concluded anytime soon and therefore, he is entitled to the concession of bail.

3. The learned counsel for the State, on the other hand, contends that the allegations levelled against the petitioner do not entitle him to the concession of bail. He, however, concedes that the petitioner is in custody since 01.09.2023, that all the material prosecution witnesses stand examined and have not supported the case of the prosecution and that the main accused- Harjiwan Singh @ Gursewak Singh @ Chela has been granted the concession of bail vide order dated 20.06.2025 (Annexure P-7).

4. I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

5. Admittedly, the material witnesses have been examined and have turned hostile. Whether the remaining evidence is sufficient to establish the culpability of the petitioner shall be adjudicated upon during the course of the Trial. The co-accused/Harjiwan Singh @ Gursewak Singh @ Chela has been granted the concession of bail. As the petitioner is in custody since 01.09.2023 and as many as 17 prosecution witnesses still remain to be examined, the Trial of the present case is not likely to be concluded anytime soon. In this situation, the further incarceration of the petitioner is not required.

6. Thus without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner-Gurlal Singh @ Kali is ordered to be

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released on bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned CJM/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

8. The petition stands disposed of.

(JASJIT SINGH BEDI)
JUDGE

30.09.2025

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<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>