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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH
(225)

CRM-M-50419-2025 (O & M)

Date of decision: 12.09.2025

Palwinder Singh

.... Petitioner

V/s

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASJIT SINGH BEDI

Present: Mr. Hakam Singh, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Harkanwar Jeet Singh, AAG, Punjab.

JASJIT SINGH BEDI, J. (Oral)

The prayer in the present petition under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023 is for the grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case GD No.10 dated 08.07.2025 under Sections 109, 125, 191(3), 190, 324(4) of BNS, 2023 and Sections 25 and 27 of the Arms Act, 1959 registered at Police Station Kathunangal, Amritsar (Rural) in FIR No.90 dated 07.07.2025 under Sections 109, 125, 191(3), 190 of BNS, 2023 and Sections 25 and 27 of the Arms Act, 1959 registered at Police Station Kathunanagl, Amritsar (Rural).

2. Initially, an FIR No.90 dated 07.07.2025 under Sections 109, 125, 191(3), 190 of BNS, 2023 and Sections 25 and 27 of the Arms Act, 1959, Police Station Kathunanagl, Amritsar (Rural), came to be registered at the instance of Jagdeep Kaur Grewal and reads as under:-

Statement of Jagdeep. Kaur Grewal wife of Jugraj Singh son of Palwinder Singh resident of Talwandi Dasaunda Singh police Station Kathu Nangal age around 34 years mobile No.



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9780708625 stated that I am resident of above address and am an Advocate at Punjab & Haryana High Court. I am privately handling the case of Balkar Singh s/o Savinder Singh, R/o Talwandi Dasaudha Singh registered against Jatinder Singh, Sarpanch. Today, dated 06.07.2025 (not 06.07.2023 wrongly typed) at about 01:30 PM, my husband Jugraj Singh received a whatsapp call on his mobile No.86994-76680 from our village present Sarpanch Jatinder Singh s/o Onkar Singh, R/o Talwandi Dasaudha Singh, that he may say his wife that she should leave the case filed by Balkar Singh s/o Savinder Singh above otherwise it will not be good for you. That my husband told all this matter to me. Then at about 07:00 PM, I was present at my house that my uncle-in-law Tarlochan Singh s/o Sucha Singh came to my house and told me that he met Daljit Singh s/o Darshan Singh, Onkar Singh s/o Baldev Singh, residents and Jatinder Singh called us at Pump for executing compromise deed of the matter of today noon. At that time, Harpal Singh s/o Davinder Singh R/o Ghanupur Kale, Mandeep Singh S/o Sucha Singh, R/o Talwandi Dasaundha Singh, Joga Singh s/o Mahinder Singh R/o Talwandi Dasaudha, Jagjit Singh s/o Balkar Singh, R/o Talwandi Dasaudha Singh who were present outside our house at about 07:30 PM and noise started at the road outside the house and sounds of noise started hearing. Then I and my family saw that Jatinder Singh, Sarpanch s/o Onkar Singh, R/o Talwandi Dasaudha Singh, carrying 45 Bore Rifle, 32 Bore Rifle, Gurpreet Singh Sona S/o Dalbir Singh carrying Rifle, Shamsher Singh S/o Darshan Singh carrying Revolver, Gian Singh S/o Gurdeep Singh carrying 315 bore Rifle, Gurdev Singh Ghula S/o Yoga Singh, R/o Dudhala, Kaltawar Singh @ Toni s/o Sarwan Singh, Jasanpreet Singh S/o Bawa Singh, Dilbag Singh Baga, caste Mahira Singh, Gursewak Singh s/o Sital Singh, Harpreet Singh s/o Dalbir Singh, Amardeep Singh Deepu s/o Balwinder Singh residents of Talwandi Dasaudha Singh alongwith unknown persons, who



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came in Innova Car No.PB-02-EV-9102, alongwith 5/7 cars and immediately on arrival, they started firing on our house outside the road. That due to bullet injuries, Harpal Singh s/o Davinder Singh R/o Ghanupur Kale, Mandeep Singh s/o Sucha Singh, Yoga Singh s/o Mahinder Singh residents of Talwandi Dasaudha Singh, who were standing on the road, got injured with bullets and their heirs took them to Hospital after arranging vehicle. That after hearing the sound of bullets firing and seeing the gathering of villagers, the above accused persons ran away with their weapons from the spot and while going, they left there their Innova Car No PB-02-EV-9102 alongwith 315 bore rifle, which I handed over to you. The accused persons have fired on our house with pistols and 315 bore rifle and injured three persons. I have recorded statement to you, read, heard and found to be correct. Legal action may be taken against Jatinder Singh, Sarpanch s/o Onkar Singh, R/o Talwandi Dasaudha Singh, Gurdev Singh Ghula s/o Yoga Singh, R/o Dudhala, Kaltawar Singh @ Toni s/o Sarwan Singh, Jasharipreet Singh s/o Bawa Singh, Shamsher Singh s/o Darshan Singh, Gian singh s/o Gurdeep Singh, Dilbag Singh @ Baga, caste Mahira Singh, Gursewak Singh s/o Sital Singh, Gurpreet Singh Sona Singh, residents of Talwandi Dasaudha Singh. Sd/- Jagdeep Kaur.

3. Subsequently, a cross-case came to be registered in the same FIR vide GD No.10 dated 08.07.2025 under Sections 109, 125, 191(3), 190, 324(4) of BNS, 2023 and Sections 25 and 27 of the Arms Act, 1959 at Police Station Kathunangal, Amritsar (Rural) on the statement of Jagtar Singh. The said cross-version is reproduced hereinbelow:-

G.D. Brief: At this time, it is registered that one statement from Jagtar Singh S/o Buta Singh R/o village Gill, P.S. Jandiala, District Amritsar, written and sent from SI Narinder Singh 831, P.S. Kathunangal by hand through CT-Amritpal Singh 1871 got



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received at police station, subject of which is that, statement of Jagtar Singh s/o Buta Singh, R/o Village Gill, P.S. Jandiala, District Amritsar, aged about 38 years, mobile No. 96460-33185 stated that I am resident of above address and working as Salesman at Baba Raja Ramji Petrol Pump, Talwandi Dasodha Singh. On dated 06.07.2025 at about 07:15 PM, I alongwith Jatinder Singh Sarpanch s/o Onkar Singh, R/o Talwandi Dasaudha Singh, Gurdev Singh @ Ghula s/o Yoga Singh R/o Dudhala, Akashdeep Singh s/o Malkit Singh @ Bagga, Kaltawar Singh @ Toni s/o Sarwan Singh residents of Talwandi Dasaudha Singh from Petrol Pump riding in Innova car No.PB-02-EV-9102 of Jatinder Singh Sarpanch for picking Harpreet Singh s/o Dalbir Singh R/o Talwandi Dasauda from his house to take him to Ludhiana, were going to the house of above Harpreet Singh. When at about 07:25 PM, we reached near the house of Harjinder Singh S/o Hira Singh R/o Talwandi Dasauda Singh, then we saw that Harpal Singh Bhala s/o Davinder Singh, R/o Ghanapur Kale, Amritsar carrying 315 bore rifle, Maninder Singh s/o Tarlochan Singh carrying 32-bore pistol, Nirwair Singh s/o Sucha Singh carrying 45-bore pistol, Balkar Singh s/o Savinder Singh carrying 12-bore rifle, Jugraj Singh s/o Palwinder Singh carrying 315 bore rifle, Gurmukh Singh s/o Gulzar Singh carrying 32-bore pistol, Jagjit Singh s/o Balkar Singh carrying sword, Jarmanjit Singh s/o Hira Singh, Mandeep Singh s/o Sucha Singh, Mohabat Singh @ Patti s/o Hira Singh, Harjinder Singh S/o Dhira Singh, Amrik Singh s/o Rattan Singh, Balkar Singh s/o Sohan Singh, Gagandeep Singh s/o Nirwair Singh, Sukhraj Singh S/o Rashpal Singh, Balwinder Singh s/o Anoop Singh, Tarlochan Singh s/o Sucha Singh, Bitta s/o Sardool Singh and Jagdeep Kaur w/o Jugraj Singh residents of Talwandi Dasaudha Singh alongwith unknown persons who were standing outside the house of Jugraj Singh s/o Palwinder Singh R/o Talwandi Dasauda Singh and Jagdeep Kaur w/o Jugraj Singh R/o Talwandi Dasaudha



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Singh shouted lalkara and said, "catch today to Jatinder Singh Sarpanch and teach him lesson of Sarpanchi", then in the meantime, Harpal Singh Bhala s/o Davinder Singh R/o Ghanupur Kale directly fired from his 315-bore rifle with the intention to kill us hitting main glass of car No.PB-02-EV-9102. Then these accused persons started continuous firing on us and the bullets hit myself, Gurdev Singh @ Ghula s/o Yoga Singh R/o Dudhala, Akashdeep Singh s/o Malkit Singh Bagga and we got injured seriously and we all ran away from the spot after leaving there our car No.PB-02-EV-9102 and could save our lives. Then Sarpanch Jatinder Singh above arranged vehicle and got us admitted at Guru Nanak Dev Hospital, Amritsar where I am under treatment. The above accused persons fired upon us with the intention to kill us and injured us in firing Accused Harpal Singh Bhala s/o Davinder Singh, R/o Ghanupur Kale, Amritsar, Maninder Singh s/o Tarlochan Singh, Nirvair Singh s/o Sucha Singh, Balkar Singh s/o Savinder Singh, Jugraj Singh s/o Palwinder Singh, Gurmukh Singh s/o Gulzar Singh, Jagjit Singh s/o Balkar Singh, Jarmanjit Singh s/o Hira Singh, Mandeep Singh s/o Sucha Singh, Mohabat Singh Matti s/o Hira Singh, Harjinder Singh s/o Dhira Singh, Amrik Singh s/o Rattan Singh, Balkar Singh s/o Sohan Singh, Gagandeep Singh s/o Nirvair Singh, Sukhraj Singh s/o Rashpal Singh, Balwinder Singh s/o Anoop Singh, Tarlochan Singh s/o Sucha Singh, Bitta s/o Sardool Singh and Jagdeep Kaur w/o Jugraj Singh residents of Talandi Dasaudha Singh, necessary legal action may be taken. Statement has been recorded to you, read, heard and found to be correct and I am responsible. Sd/- Jagtar Singh.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. It is a case of version and cross-version. No injury has been attributed to the petitioner.



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Two co-accused of the petitioner, namely, Jarmanjit Singh and Mohabat Singh have been granted the concession of interim anticipatory bail vide order dated 05.09.2025 in CRM-M-49692-2025 and 08.09.2025 in CRM-M-50118-2025. In fact, the petitioner was arrested in an unlawful manner despite the statement of the Investigating Officer of the case that the custodial interrogation was not required as is evident from the interim order dated 18.08.2025 (Annexure P-8). As the petitioner is in custody since 30.07.2025 and the investigation has yet not concluded, the Trial of the present case is not likely to be concluded anytime soon and therefore, he is entitled to the concession of bail.

4. The learned counsel for the State on instructions submits that the petitioner was a part of an unlawful assembly and therefore, he cannot escape liability. He, however, concedes that it is a case of version and cross-version, that the petitioner is an accused in the cross-version, that no specific injury has been attributed to him, that two co-accused, namely, Jarmanjit Singh and Mohabat Singh have been granted the concession of interim anticipatory bail as also the fact that he is in custody since 30.07.2025.

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

6. Admittedly, it is a case of version and cross-version. It would be a moot point during the course of Trial as to which party is aggressor side. The petitioner is in custody since 30.07.2025 but the investigation has yet not concluded. Therefore, the filing of the challan and the consequential Trial will take some time to conclude. In this situation, the further incarceration of the petitioner is not required.

7. Thus, without commenting upon the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner, namely, Palwinder Singh is

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ordered to be released on bail to the satisfaction of the Trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

8. The present petition stands disposed of.

**(JASJIT SINGH BEDI)
JUDGE**

September 12, 2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No