

2025:PHHC:111543



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

CRM-M-22728-2024

Date of decision : 22.08.2025

Lachhman @ Jassu @ Bhassu

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE**

Present: Mr. J.S. Jaidka, Advocate,  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Salil Sabhlok, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

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**SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE** ( Oral )

1. The petitioner, who is in custody since 24.05.2022, has filed this first application for grant of regular bail in FIR No. 96 dated 19.05.2022, under Sections 302 and 34 IPC, registered at Police Station Samrala, District Ludhiana.
2. Custody certificate filed on behalf of the State is taken on record.
3. The petitioner is in custody since 03 years, 02 months and 28 days as on 21.08.2025, for the charge of murder.
4. Admittedly, there is no eye witness to the incident as per the learned counsel for the petitioner and the implication of

the petitioner is based on the supplementary statement of the complainant, pursuant to which, the petitioner was arrested and his confessional statement was recorded, which led to the recovery of Mahindra car, which rammed the motorcycle of the victim, who died thereafter, by succumbing to the injuries caused with the help of baseball bat, which was recovered from the spot.

5. It is not disputed at the Bar that all the prosecution witnesses have since been examined and for the time being, the trial is fixed for recording of the statements of the defence witnesses.

6. The petitioner has no antecedent and looking to the prolonged period of custody during trial, this Court is inclined to grant bail, but with stringent conditions.

7. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds in the sum of Rs.1,00,000/- with two sureties of Rs. 50,000/- each, to the satisfaction of the trial court/Duty Magistrate, subject to the conditions stipulated in Section 437 (3) Cr.P.C./Section 480 (3) of BNSS, 2023 and following condition:

- (i) the petitioner shall plant 10 saplings of indigenous plants at a public place and submit proof in that regard by way of photographs before the trial court within a period of 15 days and if there is no such intimation submitted or intimation is found to be incorrect, then the State can move an

application for cancellation of bail of the petitioner.

8. The petition stands allowed.

**( SHEEL NAGU )  
CHIEF JUSTICE**

August 22, 2025  
Ajay Prasher

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