

2025.PHHC:111872



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

CRM-M-50506-2024

Date of decision : 22.08.2025

Manpreet Singh @ Babbu

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

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

Present: Mr. Brijesh Nandan, Advocate,
for the petitioner.
(Through Video Conferencing)

Mr. Salil Sabhlok, Senior DAG, Punjab.

SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE (Oral)

1. The petitioner, who is in custody since 07.05.2022, has filed this petition for grant of regular bail in FIR No. 16 dated 17.03.2017, under Sections 302, 148, 149 IPC, registered at Police Station Sarai Amanat Khan, District Tarn Taran.

2. Short reply, by way of affidavit of Superintendent of Police-SDPO (City) Tarn Taran, along with the custody certificate, filed on behalf of the State, is taken on record.

3. This is the second bail application after the earlier one i.e. CRM-M-33121-2023, was rejected on 15.02.2024 as being withdrawn. The petitioner is alleged with murder. The incident, in the present case, is of 16.03.2017, but the petitioner

was arrested as late as on 07.05.2022 after having been declared as proclaimed offender-absconder.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that 14 out of 25 enlisted witnesses, including all the eye witnesses, have been examined.

5. The post incident conduct of the petitioner is not above board and therefore, this Court would not like to extend the discretionary benefit of bail in favour of the petitioner, especially when he has absconded for more than five years before being arrested.

6. It would be appropriate to await the examination of all the prosecution witnesses before the request of bail is considered. With the aforesaid liberty, the petition stands dismissed.

**(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE**

August 22, 2025
Ajay Prasher

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