

Gurpreet Singh alias Gopi versus State of Punjab

Present: Shri Manmeet Singh Goraya, Advocate, counsel for the bail applicant/ accused.

Shri Kiran Kumar, Addl. Public Prosecutor for the State.

1. This application under Section 483 of Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita was filed by bail applicant/accused Gurpreet Singh alias Gopi on 04.04.2026 for grant of regular bail.

2. Upon notice, respondent State appeared and contested the bail application. Record from the Court of Area Magistrate was also requisitioned.

3. Arguments heard. Record perused. In this case, FIR No. 165 dated 09.09.2025, under Sections 103, 61(2), 3(5) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (Sections 111, 249, 253 of BNS added later on), and sections 25, 27 of the Arms Act, Police Station Shri Hargobindpur, has been registered on the basis of statement of complainant Nirmal Singh on the allegations that on the ground floor of his house, his brother Jugraj Singh Singh is running a medical shop and is also doing the business of rental cars. Jagdish Singh is his assistant. On 09.09.2025, at about 4:15 p.m., Jugraj Singh and his wife Jaspreet Kaur were sitting in the drawing room of the house. Jagdish Singh told Jugraj Singh that someone has come to meet him. Jugraj Singh went to the ground floor. The complainant alongwith his sister-in-law Jaspreet Kaur saw from the first floor that two young persons, out of whom one was wearing red coloured cap and red coloured T-shirt and second was wearing off white coloured shirt, came there. A white coloured Swift car was parked on the road. The

complainant sat in the drawing room and Jaspreet Kaur went to make tea. In the meantime, he heard noise of gun shot. He and Jaspreet Kaur went to the balcony and saw that the above said two Mona young persons were running towards the white Swift car. The assailant wearing off white coloured shirt was armed with a pistol. They fled away in the said car towards Shri Hargobindpur side. The complainant reached the courtyard of the house. Nishan Singh was standing there, who raised noise that the above said assailants have fired gun shot hitting Jugraj Singh. They saw that Jugraj Singh was drenched in blood and was lying on chair. The bullet hit his chest towards the side of heart. His injury was bleeding. He was taken to Civil Hospital, Batala, where he was declared dead. Amarbir Singh had been threatening Jugraj Singh because a case was got registered against him by Jugraj Singh. He was nursing grudge against Jugraj Singh. The complainant has firm belief that said Amarbir Singh alongwith Raminder Kaur alias Raj Madam has got his brother Jugraj Singh murdered after conspiring with some other persons. Further, he and Jaspreet Kaur can identify the assailants.

4. After registration of FIR, investigation of the case is being conducted. On 12.09.2025, the complainant made supplementary statement that Harmanpreet Singh was driver of the car of the assailants. Accordingly, Harmanpreet Singh was nominated as accused, vide DDR No.16 dated 12.09.2025. He was arrested on 14.09.2025 and from his possession a pistol and four cartridges were recovered. He made disclosure statement that on 13.10.2025 to the effect that he alongwith

Varinder Singh had fired the gun shots and committed murder of Jugraj Singh. He further disclosed that the gun shots were fired by them at the asking of Gurpreet Singh alias Gopi son of Jagdish Singh, who is living abroad and in this regard recce was conducted by Jasbir Kaur mother and Jagdish Singh father of Gurpreet Singh. Varinder Singh had died in an encounter with the police. Both Jagdish Singh and Jasbir Kaur were nominated as accused, vide DDR No.38 dated 13.10.2025 and were arrested. Further on the basis of secret information, Ranbir Singh and Sunny were nominated as accused, vide DDR No.13 dated 14.09.2025 and Sanjiv Kumar and Jaspreet Singh were nominated as accused vide DDR No.21 dated 25.09.2025 as they provided shelter to the shooters. Secret information was received by the I.O. that Gurpreet Singh alias Gopi son of Nirmal Singh had provided shelter to the main accused Harmanpreet Singh alias Hamu and had also conducted recce prior to commission of the offence. Accordingly, he was nominated as accused, vide DDR No.19 dated 18.09.2025. Accused Gurpreet Singh alias Gopi son of Nirmal Singh was arrested on 19.09.2025 from Kohima, Nagaland. He made disclosure statement on 24.09.2025 that main accused Harmanpreet Singh alias Hamu is his cousin brother, who told that accused Gurpreet Singh alias Gopi son of Jagdish Singh had gone to the U.S.A. two years ago and Jugraj Singh, Sarpanch of the village had been harassing his family and in case he is eliminated, they will also be taken to the U.S.A. On 09.09.2025, he received phone call from Harmanpreet Singh alias Hamu and at his asking he reached village Cheema Khudi and

conducted recce at the house of Jugraj Singh, Sarpanch, who was seen at his house at about 3:30/3:45 p.m. In this regard, he gave information to Harmanpreet Singh alias Hamu and then went home. Later on, he came to know that Harmanpreet Singh alias Hamu and Varinder Singh alias Vijay Pandori have committed murder of Jugraj Singh, Sarpanch by firing gun shots. On 10.09.2025, he received phone call from Harmanpreet Singh alias Hamu and took his clothes to Bus Stand, Amritsar. Then they both went to his village and the cloths worn by Harmanpreet Singh alias Hamu at the time of occurrence were left at his house. Then they reached Delhi, where Harmanpreet Singh alias Hamu received call from Gurpreet Singh alias Gopi from the U.S.A. Then at the asking of Sarabjit Singh, they reached Dadri, from where they were taken to his quarter by Sarabjit Singh and Rs.25,000/- cash sent by Gurpreet Singh alias Gopi from the U.S.A. were given to him. Then they came back to Delhi and on 12.09.2025 they went to Dimapur, Nagaland, where at the asking of Gurpreet Singh alias Gopi, they went Kohima, Nagaland and started residing there in a rented room.

5. In this manner, total 14 accused were nominated, out of whom Varinder Singh was killed in an encounter with the police and seven have been arrested. Remaining six accused are yet to be arrested. During investigation, the offence under Section 249, 253 of BNS was added, vide DDR No.13 dated 14.09.2025 and the offence under Section 111 of BNS was added, vide DDR No.24 dated 24.09.2025. On completion of investigation, final report has since been presented in the

Court of Area Magistrate against seven accused persons while keeping the investigation pending against remaining seven accused persons.

6. Through the present application, regular bail has been sought by the bail applicant/accused on the grounds that he is not named in the FIR; false allegations have been leveled against him and he has been nominated as accused on the basis of secret information on the allegation of conducting recce and providing shelter to the main shooter; except his disclosure statement, there is nothing is against him; no recovery was effected from him; his alleged disclosure statement is discrepant to the facts recorded in disclosure statement of main accused Harmanpreet Singh alias Hamu, as per which recce was conducted by mother and father of Gurpreet Singh alias Gopi son of Jugdish Singh; he has no criminal antecedents; he is in custody since 19.09.2025 and no useful purpose is going to be served by keeping him in custody for indefinite period as conclusion of the trial will take sufficient long time. However, these allegations have been denied by the respondent/State while contending that the bail applicant/accused is part of organized crime committed by the gangsters.

7. Perusal of record reveals that on 09.09.2025, two unknown persons had fired gun shots and committed murder of Jugraj Singh brother of the complainant. On statement of the complainant, two accused namely Amarbir Singh and Raminder Kaur were named in the FIR. Subsequently, the complainant made supplementary statement, on the basis of which accused Harmanpreet Singh was nominated. He was arrested and he made

disclosure statement that he alongwith Varinder Singh had fired gun shots at Jugraj Singh at the instance of Gurpreet Singh alias Gopi son of Jagdish Singh, for which recce was conducted by Jasbir Kaur and her husband Jagdish Singh. Varinder Singh has since died in an encounter. On the basis of secret information, bail applicant Gurpreet Singh alias Gopi son of Nirmal Singh was nominated as accused. Sunny was also nominated as accused and was arrested. On the basis of disclosure statements of Ranbir Singh and Sunny, the offence under Sections 249, 253 of BNS was added. As per disclosure statements of Harmanpreet Singh and Gurpreet Singh alias Gopi, the offence under Section 111 of BNS was added.

8. So, the allegations against the bail applicant/accused are of conducting recce prior to the commission of the offence at the asking of main shooter Harmanpreet Singh alias Hamu and providing shelter to him. He is a part of this gangster crime, which has been committed by organized gang of criminals, wherein 14 persons are involved. Such like offences of commission of murder by gangsters are on the rise in this area of the State. In case, the bail applicant/accused is released on bail, then there is every likelihood of his threatening or winning over the witnesses. The mere fact that he is in custody since 19.09.2025 is not a ground to release him on bail. The allegations against him are grave and serious in nature.

9. Thus, keeping in view the above said facts and circumstances of the case as well as seriousness and gravity of the allegations, no ground is made out to release the bail applicant/accused on regular bail. Hence,

the present bail application is dismissed. Record received from the Court of Area Magistrate be returned. This file be consigned to Record Room.

Pronounced in open court on:
08.04.2026
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(Dilbagh Singh Johal)
Sessions Judge, Gurdaspur
(UID No.PB00069)