



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

**CRM-M-14630-2026(O&M)
Reserved on : 20.03.2026
Pronounced on : 24.03.2026**

Vivek Yadav

..... Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Haryana

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURYA PARTAP SINGH

Argued by: Mr. Balwinder Sangwan, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Vikram Singh, AAG Haryana.

SURYA PARTAP SINGH, J.

This petition for bail is the first petition, filed by the petitioner under Section 483 of 'the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023'. It has been filed with regard to a case arising out of FIR No.12 dated 07.01.2025, for the commission of offence punishable under Sections 103(1), 3(5) [Sections 190, 191(3) of BNS added later on and Section 3(5) of BNS deleted later on], Police Station Mujesar, Faridabad.

2. The abovementioned FIR came into being at the instance of 'Satyanarayan', hereinafter being referred to as 'complainant' only. It was stated by the above-named complainant that on 06.01.2025 at about 07.00 pm, his son 'Ayush' had left home with his friends 'Golu' and 'Umesh', and that after sometime, when he called his son on his mobile phone, the call was answered by 'Golu', who informed him that 'Ayush' had suffered injuries in a fight, and that he was admitted in B.K. Hospital. According to



complainant, when he reached the hospital, he came to know that his son was declared dead. The complainant further stated that he came to know that Umesh's brother 'Varun', who was working at 'Victor Enterprises', had some altercation with a boy, and that to sort out the matter when his son 'Ayush', 'Umesh' and 'Golu' went to meet the opposite party, a fight broke-out between them, i.e. 'Ayush' etc. on one side and 'Ashish', 'Atul', 'Jila', 'Pankaj' and other associates on other side. As per complainant, in the abovesaid fight, 'Ayush' had suffered injuries, which proved to be fatal.

3. It is the case of prosecution that in view of abovementioned statement, formal FIR of this case was lodged and the investigation taken up. According to prosecution, during the course of investigation it was revealed that the injury responsible for the death of 'Ayush' was caused by a sharp-pointed weapon, i.e. 'Poker', used by the accused 'Jilajit'. As per prosecution, during the course of investigation, it was developed that the co-accused 'Pankaj Singh' was carrying a stick and caused injuries on the person of deceased with the help of that stick only.

4. It is further case of the prosecution that when accused Pankaj Singh was interrogation, he suffered a disclosure statement, wherein he disclosed that the petitioner was also present at the time of incident and he inflicted injuries on the person of deceased by kicks and punches.

5. Heard.

6. The record has been perused carefully.



7. A perusal of record shows that in the present case, following are the relevant factors which are required to be taken into consideration for a decision: -

- i) that the petitioner is already in custody for a period of more than one year and two months;
- ii) that as per learned counsel for the petitioner, the petitioner has no criminal antecedents;
- iii) that the injury, which proved to be fatal, has not been attributed to the petitioner;
- iv) that at the time of incident, the petitioner was not carrying any weapon;
- v) that the benefit of bail has already been accorded to the similarly placed co-accused;
- vi) that nothing has been left to be recovered from the possession of petitioner;
- vii) that the trial is not likely to be concluded in near future;
- viii) that the detention of the petitioner in judicial lockup is not likely to serve any purpose;
- ix) that there is nothing on record to show that if released on bail, the petitioner may tamper with the evidence or influence the witnesses; and
- x) that there is nothing on record to show that if released on bail, the petitioner will not participate/cooperate in the trial.

8. In the present case, the principles of law laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the case of "Dataram versus State of Uttar Pradesh and another", 2018(2) R.C.R. (Criminal) 131, are also relevant, wherein it has been observed that "a fundamental postulate of criminal



jurisprudence is the presumption of innocence, meaning thereby that a person is believed to be innocent until found guilty. However, there are instances in our criminal law where a reverse onus has been placed on an accused with regard to some specific offences but that is another matter and does not detract from the fundamental postulate in respect of other offences. Yet another important facet of our criminal jurisprudence is that the grant of bail is the general rule and putting a person in jail or in a prison or in a correction home (whichever expression one may wish to use) is an exception. Unfortunately, some of these basic principles appear to have been lost sight of with the result that more and more persons are being incarcerated and for longer periods. This does not do any good to our criminal jurisprudence or to our society. There is no doubt that the grant or denial of bail is entirely the discretion of the judge considering a case but even so, the exercise of judicial discretion has been circumscribed by a large number of decisions rendered by this Court and by every High Court in the country. Yet, occasionally there is a necessity to introspect whether denying bail to an accused person is the right thing to do on the facts and in the circumstances of a case”.

9. The principles laid down by the Hon’ble the Supreme Court of India in the case of ‘Satender Kumar Antil Vs. Central Bureau of Investigation and Another’, (2022) 10 SCC 51, are also relevant in this case. In the abovementioned case, it has been observed that “the rate of conviction in criminal cases in India is abysmally low. It appears to us that this factor weighs on the mind of the Court while deciding the bail applications in a negative sense. Courts tend to think that the possibility of a conviction being



nearer to rarity, bail applications will have to be decided strictly, contrary to legal principles. We cannot mix up consideration of a bail application, which is not punitive in nature with that of a possible adjudication by way of trial. On the contrary, an ultimate acquittal with continued custody would be a case of grave injustice”.

10. Recently, in the case of ‘Tapas Kumar Palit Vs. State of Chhattisgarh’, 2025 SCC Online SC 322, the Hon’ble Supreme Court of India has observed that “if an accused is to get a final verdict after incarceration of six to seven years in jail as an undertrial prisoner, then, definitely, it could be said that his right to have a speedy trial under Article 21 of the Constitution has been infringed”. It has also been observed by the Hon’ble Supreme Court of India in the abovementioned case that “delays are bad for the accused and extremely bad for the victims, for Indian society and for the credibility of our justice system, which is valued. Judges are the masters of their Courtrooms and the Criminal Procedure Code provides many tools for the Judges to use in order to ensure that cases proceed efficiently”.

11. To elucidate further, this Court is conscious of the basic and fundamental principle of law that right to speedy trial is a part of reasonable, fair and just procedure enshrined under Article 21 of the Constitution of India. This constitutional right cannot be denied to the accused as mandated by Hon’ble Apex court in “Balwinder Singh versus State of Punjab and Another”, 2024 SCC Online SC 4354.



12. If the cumulative effect of all the abovementioned factors, involved in the instant case, is taken into consideration, it leads to a conclusion that the petitioner is entitled for the benefit of bail, and that the present petition deserves to be allowed.

13. Accordingly, without commenting anything on the merits of the case, the present petition is hereby **allowed**. The petitioner is hereby ordered to be released on bail on furnishing personal bond and surety bond(s) to the satisfaction of learned trial Court. However the abovementioned concession shall be subject to following conditions:-

- (i) that the petitioner shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case, so as to dissuade him to disclose such facts to the Court or to any other authority;
- (ii) that the petitioner shall at the time of execution of bond, furnish the address to the Court concerned and shall notify the change in address to the trial Court, till the final decision of the trial; and
- (iii) that the petitioner shall not leave India without prior permission of the trial Court.

(SURYA PARTAP SINGH)
JUDGE

24.03.2026

Gaurav Thakur

Whether speaking / reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No