

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

**CRM-M-19591-2026
Date of decision: 20.04.2026**

JAGDEEP SINGH @ JAGDESH SINGH

...PETITIONER

V/S

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUBHAS MEHLA

Present: Mr. Savreet Singh Brar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Subhash Godara, Addl. A.G. Punjab.

SUBHAS MEHLA, J. (ORAL)

1. By way of the present petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, the petitioner is seeking regular bail in case bearing FIR No.281 dated 22.12.2025 registered under Sections 333, 118(1), 115(2), 191(3) and 190 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNS') (Section 118(2) of BNS added later on) at Police Station Sadar Faridkot, District Faridkot.

2. The FIR was registered on the statement made by complainant Roshan Singh, who runs a saloon shop with his sons in the village. He stated that on 14.12.2025, an altercation took place between complainant, his son and accused persons, namely, Sharandeep Singh @ Ghugga and Sewak Singh, who wanted to consume intoxicants inside their saloon. Thereafter, at about 7:15 PM, petitioner armed with Kirpan along with co-accused armed with their respective weapons forcibly entered their house and gave beatings to the complainant and his son. Hence, the present FIR was registered. The role



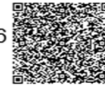
attributed to the petitioner is that he was armed with a *kirpan* and inflicted an injury on little finger of left hand of the complainant.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contended that the petitioner has been falsely involved in the present case; it is a version and non-version case; petitioner is in custody for the last more than 03 months; investigation of the present case has already been completed; challan has been filed; injuries attributed to the petitioner are on non-vital parts of the body; petitioner is not involved in any other case, except the present one and the trial will take sufficient time to conclude. As such, learned counsel prayed for grant of regular bail to the petitioner.

4. Learned State counsel placed on record the custody certificate of the petitioner, which is taken on record. He opposed the prayer made by the petitioners by submitting that petitioner along with co-accused caused injuries to the complainant and his son; one injury has been declared grievous in nature and addition of Section 118(2) of BNS was made due to the injury attributed to the present petitioner. As such, learned State counsel prayed for dismissal of the present petition. However, learned State counsel fairly admitted that the petitioner is not involved in any other criminal activity, except the present case.

5. Heard.

6. Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the present case and the contentions raised by learned counsel for the parties that it is a version and cross-version case; the investigation has already been completed; petitioner is in custody for the last more than 03 months; offences are triable by Judicial Magistrate Ist Class; petitioner has clean and clear antecedents and



is not involved in any other criminal case, except the present one; trial will take sufficient time to conclude as to which party was the aggressor and to unearth the true facts; no fruitful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner in custody for any further period, as concession of bail cannot be denied just as a measure of punishment as culpability of accused is to be decided after appreciating evidence adduced by both the parties and it is a trite principle of criminal jurisprudence that bail is rule, jail is an exception, this Court deems it a fit case to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioners.

7. Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Chief Judicial Magistrate concerned.

April 20, 2026
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(SUBHAS MEHLA)
JUDGE

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| (i) | Whether speaking/reasoned | Yes/No |
| (ii) | Whether reportable | Yes/No |