

JAGDISH SINGH BHOLLA V/S STATE OF PUNJAB

Present: Mr. Vikram Chaudhari, Senior Advocate (through VC) with
Ms. Hargun Sandhu, Advocate, for the applicant-appellant

Mr. Somesh Arora, Addl. AG, Punjab

This is the fourth application for suspension of sentence of the applicant-appellant Jagdish Singh Bholla during the pendency of present appeal.

Affidavit of Sukhnaaz Singh, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub-Division Fatehgarh Sahib, District Fatehgarh Sahib dated 19.5.2025 has been filed today in Court, which is taken on record.

The reply filed to the application by the prosecution is also considered.

Custody certificated of the applicant dated 19.5.2025 is taken on record.

Without entering into merits of the matter, custody certificate persuades us to grant bail to the applicant-appellant considering the fact that 11 years and about 5 months of awarded sentence of 12 years of rigorous imprisonment has undisputedly been suffered by the applicant-appellant and there is no hope of the appeal coming up for final hearing in the near future. However, considering the fact that the applicant had several antecedents; in some of which he was acquitted and in some convicted, while some cases remain pending consideration, sentence of the applicant-appellant Jagdish Singh Bholla is suspended during the pendency of the appeal with stringent condition of furnishing his personal

bond in the sum of ₹5 lakhs with two local sureties of like amount. The applicant-appellant is ordered to be released on bail to the satisfaction of the learned Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate concerned.

The applicant shall attend the concerned police station once in a month and record his presence, failing which the SHO of concerned police station shall intimate to the jurisdictional Magistrate, who shall be free to issue arrest warrants against the applicant/appellant provided this Court is kept informed.

The applicant is directed to surrender his passport with the trial Court which shall not be released without the leave of this court. In case, the applicant/appellant does not possess passport, he is directed to file an affidavit in that regard.

The applicant is directed to plant 100 saplings of indigenous plants at a public place and submit proof in that regard by way of photographs before the Chief Judicial Magistrate within a period of 15 days. In the absence of any intimation/compliance report, the matter be put up for consideration on the question of cancellation of bail.

The question of counting of the period of actual sentence suffered shall remain pending to be decided at the final stage.

Accordingly, the application bearing CRM No.46159 of 2024 is allowed.

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

21.5.2025

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