

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

2026:PHHC:092156



CRM-M-24619-2026 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 08.07.2026

SHAHID

... PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA

... RESPONDENT

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.S.GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Satish Chaudhary, Advocate for the petitioner.

H.S. GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner is seeking regular bail under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) (439 Cr.P.C.) in FIR No.289 dated 30.11.2025 under sections 318 (4), 319 (2), 308 (6) of BNS and sections 66-C, 66-D, 67-A of Information of Technology Act, registered at Police Station Cyber Crime Nuh, District Nuh.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 30.11.2025, acting on information received through the Cyber Cell regarding the active location of a suspected mobile number against which a complaint was registered on the Cyber Police Portal, the police party apprehended the petitioner between villages Kotla and Kansali. During the search, two mobile phones along with multiple SIM cards were recovered from his possession. On examination of the devices, the police allegedly found obscene videos, screenshots, and voice recordings demanding money in exchange for deleting such videos.

The petitioner allegedly failed to furnish any satisfactory explanation

regarding the incriminating material and disclosed that he used fake SIM cards to conceal his identity, contacted victims through WhatsApp and video calls, recorded obscene videos, and thereafter extorted money by threatening to make the videos viral.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the present case. While appearing in the witness box, PW1 and PW2 have not supported the prosecution case qua the involvement of the petitioner. He further submits that the petitioner is in custody for the last 07 months and 07 days and is not involved in any other case;. He, thus, prays for grant of bail to the petitioner.

4. Notice of motion.

5. Mr. Vijay Kumar, AAG Haryana accepts notice on behalf of the State and has vehemently opposed the prayer for grant of regular bail to the petitioner on the ground of gravity of allegations. Learned State counsel has filed the custody certificate in Court, which is taken on record. He further submits that as per the custody certificate, the petitioner is in custody for the last 07 months and 07 days.

6. I have heard the learned counsel for the parties and perused the record.

7. After hearing the rival contentions of the learned counsel for the parties and keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the case that the petitioner is in custody for the last 07 months and 07 days and is not involved in any other case; the conclusion of trial is likely to take time and continuous detention of the petitioner would not serve the ends of justice, this Court deems it fit to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioner during the pendency of the trial. Moreover, *'bail is rule and jail is*

exception’.

8. 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 bail bonds, surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Chief Judicial Magistrate concerned.

10. Nothing discussed hereinabove shall be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

11. It is clarified that while on bail so granted through the instant order the petitioner is found indulging in any other criminal case, it shall be open to the State to seek cancellation of his bail.

12. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

08.07.2026
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(H.S.GREWAL)
JUDGE

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