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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-10811-2025 (O&M)
Date of Decision:09.07.2025

TARLOCHAN SINGH

...PETITIONER

VS.

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

Coram : Hon'ble Mr. Justice N.S.Shekhawat

Present : Mr. Jitender Singh Dadwal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

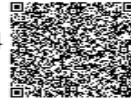
Mr. I.P.S. Sabharwal, DAG, Punjab.

N.S.Shekhawat J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner has filed the present petition under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023 with a prayer to grant regular bail to him in case FIR No.0063 dated 20.05.2021, registered under Sections 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 120-B IPC, Police Station Navi Baradari, District Jalandhar.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the FIR in the present case was registered on 20.05.2021 and due to some misunderstanding, he could not join the proceedings. Consequently, the petitioner was declared P.O. on 17.02.2022. However, he was arrested on 24.12.2024 and is in custody since then.

3. Learned counsel further submits that from a bare perusal of the FIR, it is evident that no specific role has been attributed to the petitioner and it has been falsely alleged that few additional lines have been added in the agreement to sell. Learned counsel further submits that in fact a civil dispute



has been wrongly converted into a criminal offence and the petitioner was wrongly arrested. Now, the petitioner is in custody for the last about 07 months and after completion of investigation, the challan has been presented against him. However, the charge has not been framed by the trial Court so far and the trial is not likely to conclude in near future.

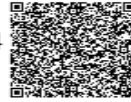
4. On the other hand, learned State counsel has vehemently opposed the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner on the ground that the petitioner had absconded from the process of law and in the event of release on bail, he may again flee from the process of justice. He further submits that the petitioner is facing 02 more similar FIR and the petition deserves to be dismissed by this Court.

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

6. The petitioner was arrested in the present case on 24.12.2024 and the case is listed for framing of charge before the trial Court. The prosecution has relied upon 25 witnesses, but no witness has been examined so far. Further, the apprehensions expressed by learned State counsel can be addressed by imposing stringent conditions on the petitioner.

7. At this stage, without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on bail pending trial on his furnishing bail bonds and surety to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court/ Duty Magistrate/Chief Judicial Magistrate subject to the following conditions:-

(i) 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) The petitioner shall remain present before the Court on the dates fixed for hearing of the case.

(iii) The petitioner shall not absent himself from the Court proceedings except on the prior permission of the Court concerned.

(iv) The petitioner shall surrender his passport, if any, (if already not surrendered), and in case he is not holder of the same, he shall swear an affidavit to that effect.

(v) The petitioner shall also file his affidavit before the concerned Court, mentioning his ordinary place of residence and number of mobile phone, which shall be used by him during the pendency of the trial. In case of change of place of residence/mobile number, he shall share the details with the concerned Court/learned Trial Court.

(vi) In case, the petitioner is involved in any other criminal activity, during the pendency of the trial, it shall be viewed seriously.

(vii) The concerned Court may insist on two heavy local sureties and may also impose any other condition, in accordance with law, while accepting the bails bonds and surety bonds of the petitioner.

8. In case, the petitioner violates any of the conditions mentioned above, it shall be viewed seriously and the concession of bail granted to him shall be liable to be cancelled and the prosecution shall be at liberty to move an application in this regard.

9. All other pending applications, if any, are also disposed off, accordingly.

09.07.2025

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(N.S. SHEKHAWAT)

JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No