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

CRM-M-12893-2025

Date of Decision: 12.03.2025

Vinod Kumar

...Petitioner

vs.

State of Haryana

...Respondent

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

Present : Mr. Daljeet Singh Virk, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Rajiv Sidhu, DAG, Haryana.

N.S.Shekhawat J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner has filed the instant petition under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 with a prayer to grant regular bail to him in case FIR No.20 dated 09.08.2023 registered under Sections 409, 418, 420, 467, 468, 471, 120-B of IPC and Sections 13(2), 13(1)(C), 13(1)(D) of Prevention of Corruption Act, at Police Station Anti Corruption Bureau, Hisar.
2. The FIR in the present case was registered against Smt. Kalawati Devi, Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat, her husband Vinod, Bharat Singh and some other unknown persons, who had allegedly embezzled the amount received under the 'Pradhanmantri Gramin Awas Yojna' against the rules.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that in the present case, Kalawati, Subash Chander, Bharat Singh and Vinod Kumar have been admitted to bail by this Court, vide orders Annexures P-3 to P-6. Even the amount in dispute has already been deposited by Kalawati with the Area Magistrate. The

petitioner was arrested in the present case on 03.02.2025 and the investigation against him is almost complete.

4. On the other hand, learned State counsel has vehemently opposed the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner on the ground that serious allegations have been levelled against the present petitioner. However, he does not dispute the fact that similarly placed co-accused, namely, Kalawati, Subash Chander, Bharat Singh and Vinod Kumar have already been admitted to bail by this Court, vide orders Annexures P-3 to P-6.

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

6. It is admitted that similarly placed co-accused, namely, Kalawati, Subash Chander, Bharat Singh and Vinod Kumar have already been granted the concession of bail, by this Court vide orders Annexures P-3 to P-6. Even the petitioner was not initially named and was nominated as an accused on the basis of the disclosure statement suffered by co-accused, who have already been admitted to bail by this Court.

7. Without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Chief Judicial Magistrate, concerned.

(N.S.SHEKHAWAT)
JUDGE

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