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

CRM-M-12933-2025

Date of Decision: 29.07.2025

Pirthvi Singh

...Petitioner

vs.

State of Punjab

...Respondent

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

Present : Mr. Preetinder Singh Ahluwalia, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Navdeep Singh, DAG, Punjab.

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.01 dated 08.01.2025 registered under Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and Section 61(2) of the BNS, 2023, at Police Station Vigilance Bureau, District Patiala.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner was wrongly arrested in the present case on 09.01.2025 and is in custody for the last more than 06 months. He further contends that the petitioner never demanded any illegal gratification nor had received any amount from the complainant and the alleged recovery has been planted against him. Learned counsel further contends that even, he had no reason to demand any money from the complainant as the wife of the complainant was Sarpanch of the village at the relevant time. Learned counsel next contends that after completion of

investigation, challan has already been presented before the competent Court of law and no witness has been examined so far.

3. 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 was apprehended by the police red handed, while accepting the bribe.

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

5. In the present case, the petitioner is stated to be in custody for the last more than 06 months and challan has already been presented against him. Thus, the custody of the petitioner is not required for the purpose of investigation in the present case. Moreover, there is no material to indicate that the petitioner is in a position to influence the witnesses of the prosecution.

6. 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.

29.07.2025

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(N.S.SHEKHAWAT)
JUDGE

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