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

CRM-M-13845-2025

Date of Decision:02.08.2025

GURINDER SINGH

...PETITIONER

VS.

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

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

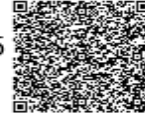
Present : Mr. Shubham Bhardwaj, Advocate &
Ms. Varda, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ravneet Singh Joshi, Deputy, A.G., Punjab.

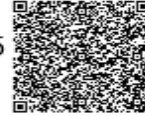
N.S.Shekhawat J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner has filed the present petition under Section 483 BNSS with a prayer to grant regular bail to him in case FIR No.0038 dated 07.08.2024, registered under Section 7 of Prevention of Corruption Act 1988 as amended by P.C. Amendment Act, 2018, Police Station Vigilance Bureau, Amritsar.

2. The FIR in the present case was registered on the basis of the statement made by Varinder Singh, Secretary and the same has been reproduced below:-

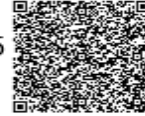


"Statement of Sh. Varinder Singh Secretary "The Bhura Kohan Multi purpose Co-operative Society Ltd." Bura Kohna son of Sh. Chanan Singh resident of village Bura Kohna Tehsil Patti District Tarn Taran aged about 30 years mobile No. 95799-80000, stated that I am the resident of above said address and since 20, I am working as a Secretary The Bhura Kohan Multi purpose Co-operative Society Ltd. Bura Kohna son of Sh. Chanan Singh resident of village Bura Kohna Tehsil Patti District Tarn Taran. Today myself alongwith my uncle Sher Singh son of Shingara Singh came in the office of Vigilance Bureau of Tarn Taran and stated that Gursahib Singh who is posted as a salesman in the above said Society and his father Sukhchain Singh, he was retired as a Secretary in the year 2019, he has embezzled an amount of Rs. 25 lacs with connivance, that embezzlement was proved then Zila Registrar has terminated to Gursahib Singh and written to SSP Tarn Taran for registration of case. Then Gursahib Singh and his father Sukhchain Singh filed an appeal before joint Registrar Jalandhar then joint Registrar Jalandhar has stayed the order of Deputy Registrar Amritsar, office of Assistant Registrar Cooperative Society Patti District Tarn Taran put pressure to re instate to Gursahib Singh but Committee of the society did not pass resolution for the re-instate Gursahib Singh then on dated 22/07/2024, office Assistant Registrar Co-operative Society Patti District Tarn Taran has written letter No. RKAR Patti/2518-23 dated 22/07/2024 suspended the Management Committee and remained to continue its working Sh. Gurwinder Singh Inspector appointed as a Administrator of cooperative Society Khemkaran. Now Sh. Gurinder Singh Inspector has stated to myself that if the stay of Gursahib Singh to be vacated and society then an amount of Rs. 1,15,00,000/- and he has given the guarantee that the case of Gursahib Singh etc. pending in the office of joint Registrar Jalandhar also to be decided in your favor and he made a demand an amount of Rs.



25000/- as a first installment. I have make a call upon my whatsapp No. 95799-80000 on dated 06/08/2024 to whatsapp No. 88722-86176 and 1 Gurinder Singh Inspector stated that I will pay amount of Rs. 15000/-on 07/08/2024, then Gurinder Singh Inspector has accepted to receive the bribe. The audio recording of that is recorded in the mobile phone of my uncle Sher Singh. I made a false promise with above said Gurninder Singh Inspector and came to present in your office alongwith my uncle Sher Singh because I did not want to do my work by giving bribe. The pen drive of audio recording executed by uncle sent to the office of Assistant Registrar Cooperative Society Patti Taran vide letter No. A.R. Patti 2518-23 dated 22/07/2024, my signed upon the photocopy and 500x30 not total 15,000/- after noting the number of notes present before yourself and remaining and I will be bound to present remaining documents to yourself, Gurinder Singh Inspector cum Administrator the Bhura Kohna Multipurpose Cooperative Society Ltd. Legal action be taken against Bura Kohna, statement recorded, read out and signed above said Gurinder Singh in English, Sher Singh above said signed in Punjab verified by Sharanjit Singh Inspector Police Vigilence Bureau Unit Tarn Taran.”

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been falsely involved in the present case in pursuance of a conspiracy hatched by the complainant and others. In fact the complainant was highly inimical towards the petitioner as the petitioner was involved in overseeing an enquiry against him for forging his academic qualifications to get employment. The petitioner had refused to oblige him and ultimately by concocted a story, the petitioner was falsely involved in the present case. He further contends that the petitioner was arrested in the present case on 07.08.2024 and now the challan has already been presented against him. He further contends that even the



petitioner is in custody for the last about 01 year, but even charge has not been framed against the petitioner, which is violative of his right to speedy trial, which has been guaranteed by Article 21 of the Constitution of India. Further, the prosecution has relied upon 22 witnesses but since no witness has been examined so far, the trial Court may take considerable time to conclude the trial.

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 and he does not deserve the concession of bail by this Court.

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

6. In the present case, the petitioner is stated to be in custody for almost 01 year and now the case is listed for framing of charge on 14.08.2025. Thus, there are no chances of early conclusion of the trial and the further custody of the petitioner will not serve any useful purpose.

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.

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(N.S. SHEKHAWAT)
JUDGE

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