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

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**CRM M-22655-2025
Date of Decision:05.08.2025**

Gurpreet Singh	Versus	...Petitioner
State of Punjab		... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE N.S.SHEKHAWAT

Present : Mr. Sant Pal Singh Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. M.S. Bajwa, DAG, Punjab.

N.S.SHEKHAWAT, J.

1. Present second petition has been filed under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') for grant of regular bail pending trial to the petitioner in FIR No. 24 dated 07.11.2024 under Section 7 of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (amended by P.C. Amendment Act, 2018) and Section 120-B of IPC registered at Police Station Vigilance Bureau Bathinda, District Bathinda.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been falsely involved on the present case on the basis of the statement made by Balbir Singh, who himself is involved in four criminal cases, including the three cases under the provisions of

NDPS Act. He further contends that the petitioner has already give his voice sample to the Investigating Officer of the present case and the FSL report is yet to be received. The petitioner was arrested in the present case on 07th November 2024. He further submits that now the prosecution has examined only 02 witnesses out of 12 witnesses and the trial may not conclude in near future.

3. On the other hand, learned State counsel has vehemently opposed the prayer made by the learned counsel for the petitioner on the ground that there is one more criminal case of similar nature has been registered against the petitioner in the past as well and, thus, he is not entitled to any relief of concession of regular bail.

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

5. In the present case, the petitioner is in custody for the last more than 08 months. The prosecution has been able to examine only 02 witnesses out of 12 witnesses and the trial may not conclude in near future.

6. In view of the above, without commenting any further on the merits, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/Duty Magistrate/CJM concerned.

05.08.2025
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(N.S.SHEKHAWAT)
JUDGE

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