

2025:PHHC:090026



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

SR. NO.115

CRM-M- 26407-2025

DATE OF DECISION:22.07.2025

DR. ANIL KUMAR SHUKLA

...PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA

...RESPONDENT(S)

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

Present: Mr. Rajiv Kumar Saini, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Rajiv Sidhu, Sr. DAG, Haryana.

N.S. SHEKHAWAT, J.

1. Petitioner prays for grant of regular bail in FIR No.308 dated 21.06.2018 registered under Sections 177/409/420/465/467/468/471/120-B IPC and Section 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act at Police Station Sector-5, Panchkula.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner was initially not named in the FIR and there was no averment which connects him with the commission of crime. Even the allegations in the FIR pertain to the years 2014-15 and 2015-16, whereas FIR has been got registered by the complainant on 21.06.2018. Now the petitioner is sought to be arrested in the present case after a delay of 07 years. Learned counsel further contends that a similarly situated co-accused Jagdeep Singh Brar has been granted the concession of anticipatory bail vide order

dated 26.05.2025 passed by this Court. He also contends that the case of the petitioner is at par with the case of co-accused Jagdeep Singh Brar.

3. Notice of motion.

4. On the asking of Court, Mr. Rajiv Sidhu, Sr. DAG, Haryana. accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State and vehemently opposes the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner on the ground that there are serious allegations against the petitioner and thus, he does not deserve the concession of anticipatory bail.

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

6. In the present case, the petitioner is continuing in the custody for the last three months and the investigation has already been completed. Thus, no useful purpose would be served by keeping him behind the bars. Moreover, a similarly situated co-accused Jagdeep Singh Brar has already been granted the concession of anticipatory 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

22.07.2025
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Whether Speaking/Reasoned: YES / NO
Whether Reportable: YES / NO