



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH
CRM-M-26675-2025
Date of decision: 28th August, 2025**

Ravi Kumar

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present: Mr. Ritesh Kumar, Advocate for the petitioner.
Ms. Sakshi Bakshi, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab.

MANISHA BATRA, J (ORAL):-

The present petition has been filed under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') by the petitioner seeking grant of regular bail in case bearing FIR No. 56 dated 17.07.2018 registered under Sections 379-B, 411 and 34 of IPC at Police Station Nurmahal, District Jalandhar Rural.

2. The aforementioned FIR was registered on the basis of a statement recorded by ASI Dinesh Kumar on 17.07.2018, alleging that he had received a secret information that the present petitioner and co-accused Charanjit were involved in committing offences of snatching. A few days back, they had allegedly snatched a gold chain from a female who was travelling on her Aactiva vehicle. It was further informed that the petitioner and co-accused could be apprehended if a barricade was laid. Believing the secret information to be true, a rukka was sent to the police station for registration of FIR. The police party reached at the informed place and apprehended the petitioner and the co-accused, who were riding a motorcycle. On conducting search of the petitioner, one gold chain was



recovered from the right side of his trousers and cash amount of Rs. 500/- was recovered from co-accused Charanjeet Singh. The petitioner and the co-accused were formally arrested. They suffered disclosure statements admitting that the gold chain had been snatched by them from one female who was riding Aactiva vehicle. Investigation now stands concluded and the petitioner along with the co-accused is facing trial for the commission of aforementioned offences.

3. It is argued by learned counsel for the petitioner that he has been falsely implicated in this case. A false recovery has been planted upon him. Previously, he was granted benefit of pre-arrest bail, however, he could not arrange for his surety and hence, could not surrender. He was declared a proclaimed person. He has been in custody for a period of more than two and half years. Trial will take considerable time to conclude. His further incarceration would not serve any useful purpose. It is, therefore, urged that he deserves to be released on bail.

4. Status report has been filed. It is argued by learned State counsel that the petitioner is a habitual offender since several other cases of similar nature had been registered against him. Though now he has been convicted and undergone the period of his sentence in three of such cases. There are chances of his absconding or committing similar offences, if extended benefit of bail. Therefore, it is urged that the petition does not deserve to be allowed.

5. This Court has heard learned counsel for the parties at considerable length and has gone through the record carefully.

6. The petitioner, along with the co-accused, is alleged to have committed offence of snatching of gold chain. The same was recovered from



the possession of the petitioner. The petitioner was previously declared a proclaimed person. He is in custody since 11.07.2022(excluding the period from 24.05.2023 till 08.06.2023). The trial will take some more time to conclude. Keeping in view the period of incarceration of the petitioner, this court is of the considered opinion that he deserves to be extended benefit of bail at this stage. Accordingly, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail subject to his furnishing personal bonds and surety bonds by two sureties to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate concerned. He shall appear before the concerned Police Station once on the first Monday of every month. He shall disclose his present as well as permanent address before the learned trial Court at the time of furnishing of bonds and shall also give copy of his Aadhar Card, PAN Card if any and details of his mobile phone number(s) to the learned trial Court and in case, any change in his address or mobile phone number(s) takes place, then he shall inform about the same to the learned trial Court in advance.

7. In case of violation of any of the above conditions, the jurisdictional Court shall be empowered to consider the application for cancellation, if any, and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law.

8. Since the main petition has been allowed, pending application, if any, is rendered infructuous.

9. This order shall come into force from the time it is uploaded on this Court's official webpage.

[MANISHA BATRA]
JUDGE

28th August, 2025

Parveen Sharma

1. *Whether speaking/ reasoned*
2. *Whether reportable*

: *Yes / No*
: *Yes / No*