



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

**CRM-M-27229-2025**

**Reserved on: 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2025**

**Pronounced on: 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2025**

Shiv Kumar @ Sibbu

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

...Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA**

Present: Mr. J.S. Dhaliwal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Neeraj Poswal, Assistant Advocate General, Haryana.

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**MANISHA BATRA, J :-**

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. 18 dated 13.01.2025 registered under Sections 111(4), 111(5) and 61(2) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNS') and Sections 25(1-A), 25(1-B)(a), 25(6) and 29 of Arms Act, 1959 at Police Station Pundri, District Kaithal.

2. The aforementioned FIR was registered on the basis of a secret information received by ASI Tarsem to the effect that accused Jeetu, who was part of a gang involved in organized extortion activities orchestrated by Manu Gujjar @ Anil and Parveen @ Pinna, who operated from abroad, was present near Kanal bridge of village Munddi for the purpose of delivering a country-made pistol to some other member of his gang. Believing the secret information to be true, a raiding party was formed, which apprehended



accused Jeetu on 13.01.2025. Recovery of one country-made pistol .32 bore and two live cartridges was effected from him. He was interrogated and suffered disclosure statement, on the basis of which, the present petitioner and co-accused Gurunath were nominated as accused. Gurunath was arrested on 14.01.2025, disclosing that he along with the accused had provided pistol to the accused Jeetu. The petitioner was also arrested on the same day. He disclosed that he assisted the members of the gang by providing shelter and logistic support and was aware of extortion operations. Co-accused Arun was arrested subsequently. Offences under sections 251-A, 251B-A, 61(2) and 115(5) of BNS were added subsequently. Investigation qua the petitioner stands completed. The petitioner is facing trial for commission of aforementioned offences.

3. It is argued by learned counsel for the petitioner that he has been falsely implicated in this case on the basis of disclosure statement of the co-accused. He is in custody since long. Investigation now stands completed. Trial would take time to conclude. He has clean antecedents. 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 keeping in view the gravity of the allegations, the petitioner does not deserve to be released on bail.

5. Rival contentions raised by learned counsel for the parties have been considered.

6. The petitioner is alleged to be a member of extortion syndicate involved in supplying firearms to them. It is also alleged against him that he



provided shelters to the members of the gang and received monetary benefits. He has clean antecedents. The trial would take time to conclude. There is no allegation qua harbouring any particular accused or criminal by him. The firearm had not been recovered from him. A cell phone allegedly recovered from him has been sent to CFSL. There is nothing at this stage to show that it has been containing any incriminating material. Keeping in view the above discussed facts, this court is of the considered opinion that a case for release of the petitioner on bail during trial is made out. Accordingly, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail subject to his furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Chief Judicial Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate concerned.

7. It is, however, clarified that the observations made hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

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

**[MANISHA BATRA]**  
**JUDGE**

**7<sup>th</sup> August, 2025**

*Parveen Sharma*

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| 1. Whether speaking/ reasoned | : | Yes / No |
| 2. Whether reportable         | : | Yes / No |