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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M No.32053 of 2025
Date of Decision: 31.10.2025

Mangi Lal ... Petitioner
Versus
State of Haryana ... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present: Mr. Shivam Grover, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Neeraj Poswal, AAG, Haryana,
for the respondent-State.

MANISHA BATRA, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed by the petitioner under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (For short “BNSS”) seeking regular bail in the FIR mentioned below:-

FIR No.	Dated	Police Station	Sections
18	12.02.2025	PS Cyber Crime Ambala, District Ambala	316(2), 318(4) and 319 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (For short “BNS”)

2. Brief facts relevant for the purpose of disposal of this petition are that the aforementioned FIR was registered on the basis of statement recorded by the complainant Amit Kumar Chauhan and online complaint sent by him alleging that on 27.01.2025, he received a Whatsapp message on his cell phone and the messenger while introducing herself as Anaya from one AEVIOUR DIGITAL, offered a

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“work at home” job to him by saying that he could earn a sum of Rs.1500/- to Rs.5000/- per day by giving ratings on Google Maps. The complainant on being induced by the said message, gave his ratings on a link sent on his phone. He was then sent a Code on telegram App and was asked to share the same on his ID which he did. He also shared his UPI ID and started receiving some amount of money after giving ratings. Then he was added to another group on telegram App and was asked to give ratings which he did. After that, some money was transferred to his account. Sometime thereafter, he was asked to deposit money on the premise that the company was promoting CRYPTO CURRENCY and he would be fetching good profits if he invested his money with the same. The complainant was made to part with a sum of Rs.16,89,500/- on the representation that he could withdraw the same after completion of task. However, when he tried to withdraw the said money, he was not made to do so and more money was demanded. Realizing that he had been duped of his money, the complainant prayed for taking action.

3. After registration of FIR, investigation proceedings were initiated. The complainant had transferred an amount of Rs.3,80,000/- in the bank account operating in the name of the petitioner. The petitioner was nominated as an accused. He was arrested on 21.02.2025. On interrogation, he suffered disclosure statement admitting his involvement in the crime. On the basis of the same, one Mahiram was nominated as accused. Other accused were also nominated subsequently and arrested. Investigation now stands completed and the petitioner along with the co-accused is facing trial

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for commission of aforementioned offences.

4. It is argued by learned counsel for the petitioner that he has been falsely implicated in this case. The subject offences are triable by Magistrate. He is not beneficiary of the transactions. He is only a 5th standard pass person and an auto driver by profession. His bank account was misused by the other accused by befooling him and by collecting his personal documents thereby opening an online bank account in his name. The recovery of his mobile phone has already been effected. His continued detention would not serve any useful purpose. With these broad submissions, it is urged that he deserves to be released on bail.

5. Status report has been filed. Learned Assistant Advocate General, Haryana has argued that keeping in view the gravity of the allegations as levelled against the petitioner, he does not deserve to be extended benefit of bail.

6. This Court has considered the rival submissions.

7. The petitioner is alleged to be a part of conspiracy hatched with the co-accused to cause wrongful loss to the tune of Rs.16,89,500/- to the complainant. The complainant was induced by the co-accused to deposit the aforementioned amount which was usurped by the co-accused and by the petitioner. An amount of Rs.3,80,000/- was transferred from the bank account of the complainant to the account of the petitioner. However, that amount was subsequently transferred in the bank account of other persons.

The trial has commenced but will take considerable time to conclude since

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only 01 out of 09 witnesses has been examined so far. No useful purpose is going to be served by keeping the petitioner in custody any more. Keeping in view the above discussed facts, this Court is of the considered opinion that a case is made out for release of the petitioner on bail. Accordingly, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be admitted to bail subject to his furnishing personal as well as surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned trial Court/CJM/Duty Magistrate concerned and further subject to his remaining bound by the following conditions:-

- (i) He will not tamper with any evidence, oral or documentary during trial.
- (ii) He shall not absent himself on any date before the trial Court unless his presence is exempted by the learned trial Court.
- (iii) He shall not commit any offence while on bail.
- (iv) He shall disclose the details of his cell phone number to the Investigation Officer/SHO of concerned Police Station and shall not change the same without prior permission of the trial Court.
- (v) He shall surrender his passport if any.
- (vi) He will also 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 and PAN Card if any and in case, any change in his address takes place, then he shall inform about the same to the learned trial Court in

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advance.

8. In case of breach of any of the aforementioned conditions, the State shall be at liberty to move appropriate application for cancellation of bail of the petitioner.

9. It is made clear that any observation made herein above is only for the purpose of deciding the present petition and the same shall have no bearing on the merits of the case.

31.10.2025
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(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE

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