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

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Date of decision: 17.11.2025

DHARAMPAL

....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. Parminder Singh Sekhon, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. Rajdeep Singh Gill, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Manipal Singh Atwal, DAG, Punjab.

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023, for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.12 dated 03.03.2025, registered at Police Station Vigilance Bureau, Patiala, District Patiala, under Section 7-A of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, as amended by Act of 2018, read with Section 61(2) of BNS, 2023 (Corresponding Section 120-B IPC).

2. Short reply by way of affidavit of the Senior Superintendent of Police, Vigilance Bureau, Patiala, Range, Patiala, filed in the Court, is taken on record.

3. Learned Senior Counsel contends that the petitioner had been in custody for 5 months and 3 days, when was granted interim bail vide order dated 08.08.2025, during the period he neither misused the concession nor threatened the witnesses. He alleges false implication.

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Charges have been framed on 04.06.2025, however, none out of 14 PWs has been examined. He is not involved in any other case.

4. Learned State counsel opposes the bail on the ground that there are serious allegations against the petitioner. However, on instructions submits that there is no complaint with regard to misusing the liberty granted by this Court, besides the submissions with regard to stage of the case and petitioner being not involved in any other case.

5. Heard.

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, in particular that the petitioner had remained in custody for more than 5 months, on interim bail since 08.08.2025; not involved in any other case; charges stands framed on 04.06.2025, but no prosecution witness has been examined and there are 14 in all, the trial is likely to take a considerable time, further incarceration of the petitioner would be violative of his right enshrined under Article 21 of the Constitution of India, the present petition is allowed.

7. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail, subject to furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned, if not required in any other case and shall abide by the following conditions:-

- (i) The petitioner will not tamper with the evidence during the trial.
- (ii) The petitioner will not pressurize/ intimidate the prosecution witnesses.

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- (iii) The petitioner will appear before the trial Court on each and every date fixed, unless is exempted by a specific order of Court.
- (iv) The petitioner shall not commit an offence similar to the offence of which, he is an accused, or for commission of which he is suspected of.
- (v) The petitioner shall not directly or indirectly coerce, induce, threaten or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him/ her from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer or tamper with the evidence in any manner.
- (vi) The petitioner shall not in any manner misuse his liberty.
- (vii) The petitioner shall furnish his address and mobile number by way of an affidavit to the trial Court and not change the same till conclusion of trial and if for any reasons, he seeks to change either of the aforesaid, it shall be done only with prior information to the learned trial Court.
- (viii) The petitioner shall not leave the country without prior permission of the trial Court.
- (ix) The trial Court/Duty Magistrate may impose any other condition, as deemed appropriate while releasing the petitioner.

8. It is made abundantly clear that in case there is any breach of the aforesaid conditions, the State shall be at liberty to seek cancellation of bail as granted to the petitioner by this order.

9. In view of the above, it is clarified that the observations made herein above are limited for the purpose of present proceedings and would not be construed as any opinion on the merits of the case and the trial would proceed independently of the aforesaid observations.

17.11.2025

parveen kumar

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

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE