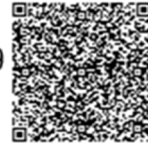


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**IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATES OF PUNJAB AND
HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH**

CRM-M-35518-2025 (O&M)

Reserved on : 02.09.2025

Pronounced on : 10.09.2025

Ankit Bhatia**...Petitioner****Versus****State of Punjab****...Respondent****CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA**

Present:- Mr. Ravinder Malik, Advocate
for the petitioner.

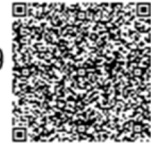
Ms. Sakshi Bakshi, AAG, Punjab.

MANISHA BATRA, J.

1. The instant one is the second petition that has been filed by the petitioner under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No. 317 dated 09.11.2023, registered under Sections 379-B(2), 34, 201 and 411 of IPC) at Police Station Sadar, District Amritsar. The previous petition, bearing **CRM-M-9229-2025**, was dismissed on 05.03.2025 for want of prosecution.

2. The aforementioned FIR was registered on the statement recorded by complainant Deepak Kumar, who had been doing the work of delivering food in Swiggy Food Delivery App alleging that on the intervening night of 08-09.11.2023, he had received an order from Burger King, Crystal Chowk to deliver some food item. He took the order and when he was going to deliver the same on his motorbike, he was intercepted by two youths, who were having muffled faces. They forcibly stopped his vehicle, pointed a fire arm towards him, took his mobile and cash amount of Rs.2,000/- and

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thereafter escaped from there. He had sustained injuries on his hands and was admitted in hospital. After registration of the FIR, investigation proceedings were initiated. The Investigating Officer received a secret information on 11.11.2023, on the basis of which, the present petitioner and co-accused Mani were apprehended. They were interrogated and suffered disclosure statements admitting their involvement in the crime. They disclosed that they had thrown snatched mobile phone. The complainant identified both of them as the snatchers. Investigation now stands completed.

3. It is argued by learned counsel for the petitioner that he has been falsely implicated in this case. He is in custody since long. The trial will take considerable time to conclude as no prosecution witness has been examined so far. Co-accused Mani, who had assaulted the victim, thereby causing him injury and had snatched his mobile phone, has since been granted concession of regular bail. The case of the petitioner is on a better footing. His involvement in other cases cannot be considered to be a reason for denying him the benefit of bail. It is, therefore, urged that he deserves to be released on bail.

4. Status report has been filed by the respondent-State. Learned State counsel has argued that keeping in view the gravity of the allegations levelled against the petitioner and that the petitioner is a habitual offender and there are chances of his committing similar offences, if released on bail, he is not entitled to get benefit of bail. Hence, it is urged that the petition is liable to be dismissed.

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5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties at considerable length and have also gone through the record carefully.
6. The petitioner along with co-accused is alleged to have assaulted the victim and snatched money and his mobile phone. The petitioner is in custody since 11.11.2023. Co-accused Mani has already been granted concession of regular bail. The conclusion of trial would long time since no prosecution witness has been examined so far. As per custody certificate, he is shown to be involved in some other case but because of that reason, benefit of bail cannot be denied to him. Keeping in view the aforementioned facts and circumstances, I am of the considered opinion that no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner in custody anymore. Accordingly, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail, subject to his furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned. However, it will be open for the prosecution to apply for cancellation of bail in case the petitioner is found involved in any other subsequent case.
7. 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.

10.09.2025

Waseem Ansari

(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No