



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

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CRM-M-36115 of 2025 (O&M)

Date of decision: 16.07.2025

Manohar Lal @ Jassi

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.S. GREWAL

Present : Ms. Riffi Birla, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Amandeep Singh Samra, AAG, Punjab.

H.S. GREWAL, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner is seeking regular bail under Section 483 of BNSS of 2023 in case FIR No.20 dated 19.03.2025, under Sections 331(4), 331(6), 305, 61(2) of BNS registered at Police Station Sadar Abohar, District Fazilka.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on the intervening night of 14/15.02.2025, some unknown persons had committed theft of gold and silver ornaments in the house of the complainant. However, the matter was reported to the police after a delay of 34 days i.e. on 19.03.2025.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner along with his co-accused have been named in the FIR on suspicion. However, recovery of 5.85 grams gold and some silver ornaments have been effected from one of the co-accused but recovery was not corroborated or identified by the complainant. The petitioner is in custody for the last 3 months and 21 days. Trial is likely to take a long time for its conclusion and continuous



detention of the petitioner would not serve the ends of justice, therefore, the petitioner be released on regular bail.

4. Notice of motion.

5. Mr. Amandeep Singh Samra, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State. Learned State counsel has filed the custody certificate in the Court today, which is taken on record. Learned State counsel vehemently opposed the prayer for granting concession of bail to the petitioner. As per custody certificate dated 15.07.2025, the petitioner is in custody for the last 3 months and 21 days.

6. I have heard the learned counsel for the parties and perused the record.

7. In view of the above submission of learned counsel for the parties and considering the custody period undergone by the petitioner; the fact that trial is likely to take a long time, the continuous detention of the petitioner would not serve the ends of justice. Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the present case, this Court deems it a fit case to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioner during the pendency of the trial.

8. Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed. The petitioner is hereby ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing requisite bail bonds, surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Chief Judicial Magistrate concerned.



9. However, it is made clear that in case the petitioner misuses the concession of bail, the State would be at liberty to seek cancellation of his bail.

Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(H.S. GREWAL)
JUDGE

16.07.2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes / No
Whether reportable : Yes / No