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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No.38277 of 2025
Date of Decision: 22.08.2025
Reserved on: 12.08.2025

Naveen ... Petitioner
Versus
State of Haryana ... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present: Mr. Munish Behl, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

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

MANISHA BATRA, J.

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
377	08.11.2024	Baldev Nagar, District Ambala	420, 467, 468 and 471 of IPC (120-B of IPC added later on)

2. The aforementioned FIR was registered on the basis of a complaint lodged by Commandant, Ist Battalion, Haryana Armed Police, Ambala City alleging therein that the present petitioner was enlisted as a Constable in Police Department on 09.03.2023 subject to verification of his educational qualification certificates. He had submitted a certificate/mark sheet showing him to be a graduate in Bachelor of Science from the Global University, Hollongoi, Itanagar (for short, ‘the

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University’) during the session 2019-20. The above said certificate was sent to the University for verification and in response thereto, it was intimated by the Vice Chancellor of the University that the first academic session of the University had been started in the year 2023-24 only and no degree/diploma/certificate had been issued by the University to any person. It was also informed that the logo displayed in the certificate/mark sheet of the petitioner did not belong to the University. On the basis of this report, an inquiry was ordered to be conducted by an officer of the rank of Inspector. As per the inquiry report submitted by him, the mark sheet submitted by the petitioner was fake and fabricated. The candidature of the petitioner was cancelled and his services were dispensed with. While alleging that the petitioner had committed offences of cheating and forgery, prayer had been made for taking action. After registration of FIR, investigation proceedings were initiated. The petitioner was arrested on 26.04.2025. He was interrogated and suffered disclosure statement admitting his involvement in the crime and disclosed that the accused Rohit had provided a forged degree to him. The accused Rohit was also arrested and suffered disclosure statement to the same effect. Investigation qua the petitioner and two co-accused now stands concluded and challan qua them has been filed.

3. It is argued by learned counsel for the petitioner that he has been falsely implicated in this case. He is in custody since 26.04.2025. His further incarceration would not serve any useful purpose. The subject offences are triable by Magistrate. Infact, he is the victim of the case as

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money was taken from him for his admission and he had no knowledge that a fake certificate had been issued against him. Even his services have been terminated. He has permanent abode. There are no chances of his absconding. He has no criminal antecedents. Co-accused Rohit and Robin Singh have also been extended benefit of bail. On parity, he too deserves to be extended the same benefit. With these broad submission, it is urged that the petition deserves to be allowed.

4. Per contra, it is argued by learned Assistant Advocate General, Haryana that keeping in view the gravity of the allegations as levelled against the petitioner, he does not deserve to be released on bail.

5. This Court has considered the rival submissions.

6. The petitioner along with the co-accused is alleged to have prepared a forged and fabricated mark sheet and by using the same as a genuine one, he is alleged to have secured a Government job on the post of Constable in Haryana Army Police. The falsity of the certificate had been revealed during verification by his employer. The subject offences are triable by Magistrate. The petitioner is in custody since 26.04.2025. The trial will take time to conclude. As such, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner in custody any more. In view of the above discussed facts but without meaning to make any comment on the merits of the case lest they prejudice the trial, it is observed 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

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as well as surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned trial Court/CJM/Duty Magistrate concerned.

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JUDGE

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