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

**CRM M-43736 of 2025
Date of Decision: 19.08.2025**

Malkit Singh		...Petitioner
	Versus	
State of Punjab		... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE N.S.SHEKHAWAT

Present : Mr. Barjinder Singh, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. I.P.S. Sabharwal, DAG, Punjab.

N.S.SHEKHAWAT, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner has filed the instant petition under Section 483 of B.N.S.S., 2023 with a prayer to grant regular bail in case FIR No.09 dated 27.02.2025 registered under Section 7 of Prevention of Corruption Act at Police Station Vigilance Bureau Patiala, District Patiala.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the complainant had wrongly alleged that a demand of Rs.5 lacs as bribe was made by the petitioner, in order to save her from being roped in

case under NDPS Act. He further contends that no case under NDPS Act was registered against the complainant and the allegations are wrong and palpably false. The petitioner was arrested in the present case on 27th February, 2025 and is in custody for the last about 06 months. After completion of investigation, the *challan* has already been presented against the petitioner. The prosecution has cited 19 prosecution witnesses but no witness has been examined so far.

3. On the other hand, learned State counsel has vehemently opposed the prayer made by the learned counsel for the petitioner on the ground that there are serious allegations against the petitioner and the petitioner is not entitled for the concession of regular bail. However, he admits that the petitioner is a first offender and was never involved in any other crime.

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

5. In the present case, the petitioner is stated to be in custody for the last about 06 months and after completion of investigation, the *challan* has been presented against him. Even, the prosecution has not been able to examine even a single witness so far and the conclusion of the trial may take quite a long time. Even, there is no evidence to show that the petitioner may be in a position to influence the witnesses of the prosecution.

6 In view of the above, without commenting any further on the merits, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered

to be released on bail on his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/Duty Magistrate/CJM concerned.

19.08.2025
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(N.S.SHEKHAWAT)
JUDGE

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