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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-44980-2025

Date of decision: 9th December, 2025

Manjeet Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present: Mr. Sushil Kumar Verma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Himani Arora, Deputy Advocate General, Haryana.

MANISHA BATRA, J (ORAL):-

The instant one is the second petition for grant of regular filed under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') by the petitioner seeking grant of regular bail in case bearing FIR No. 711 dated 21.10.2023 registered under Section 379-A of IPC at Police Station City Sirsa, District Sirsa.

2. As per the allegations, on 21.10.2023, the complainant Bimla Devi along with her daughter-in-law Rajni Sharma was riding a scooty and was going towards her house when they were intercepted by two persons who came riding a bike and after snatching her gold chain, managed to flee. After registration of FIR, investigation proceedings were initiated. The petitioner who was in custody in some other cases, suffered disclosure statement admitting his involvement in the instant case and was joined into investigation of this case. He was formally arrested on 19.12.2023. The co-accused Deepak

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Kumar was also arrested. In pursuance of his disclosure statement suffered by the petitioner, he identified the place of occurrence and also got recovered the cash amount of money which was received by him by sale of the snatched chain. Investigation now stands completed. The petitioner along with the co-accused is facing trial for commission of aforementioned offences.

3. It is argued by learned counsel for the petitioner that he has been falsely implicated in this case and a false recovery has been planted upon him. He is in custody for a period of about two years. His test identification parade was not conducted. His involvement in other cases cannot be considered to be a reason for denying benefit of bail to him. In fact, the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case by the officials of Police Station Sirsa, as several other cases have also been falsely registered against him at the same police station. The trial will take considerable time to conclude. His continued detention would not serve any useful purpose. It is, therefore, argued that the petition deserves to be allowed.

4. *Per contra*, while relying upon the custody certificate filed by learned State counsel today in the Court, she has argued that there are serious and specific allegations against the petitioner. There are chances of his absconding or committing similar offences if extended benefit of bail. Therefore, it is argued that the petition does not deserve to be allowed.

5. This Court has heard learned counsel for the parties at considerable length.

6. The petitioner along with the co-accused is alleged to have snatched the gold neck chain of the complainant as on 21.10.2023. He is in

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custody for a period of about two years. Trial is likely to take time to conclude. He is on bail in some of the cases as registered against him. He cannot be denied benefit of bail due to the reason that he is involved in other cases. It is well settled proposition of law that bail is the rule and jail is an exception. It is also well settled that pre-trial incarceration should not be a replica of post-conviction sentence. Taking into consideration the above discussed facts and circumstances but without meaning to make any comment upon the merits of the case lest they prejudice the trial, the petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be admitted on bail subject to his furnishing personal as well as surety bonds of two sureties to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court and further subject to giving details of his present/permanent address, cell phone number and Aadhar Card, at the time of furnishing bonds before the learned trial Court. That apart, the petitioner shall also ensure his presence before the SHO of Police Station concerned on the first Monday of every month till the conclusion of the trial.

7. On his failure to abide by any of these conditions, the learned trial Court will be at liberty to cancel his bail.

8. Since the main petition has already been disposed of, pending application, if any, is rendered infructuous.

[MANISHA BATRA]
JUDGE

9th December, 2025

Parveen Sharma

1. *Whether speaking/ reasoned*
2. *Whether reportable*

: *Yes / No*
: *Yes / No*