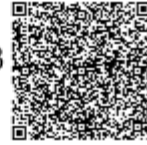


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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Date of decision:31.10.2025

SATNAM SINGHPetitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJABRespondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present: - Mr. Tarun Deora, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Mohit Kapoor, Senior DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Hitesh Verma, Advocate for the complainant.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

1. The instant first petition has been filed under Section 483 of The Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, for grant of regular bail in case bearing FIR No. 78 dated 23.05.2022, registered under Section(s) 420 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 at Police Station Sangat, District Bathinda.

2. The case of the prosecution as mentioned in the order of the trial Court reads thus:-

“ The prosecution version, in brief, is that Gurpreet Singh Bahia introduced complainant Resham Singh to Narinder Pal Singh and Satnam Singh (applicant) for sending his son to CANADA via Dubai. Accused Amrinder Singh brother of Narinderpal Singh was also living in



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Dubai. The deal was settled for Rs.18.50 lacs. Payment of Rs. 13.42 lac was give to Amrinder Singh and Narinder Pal Singh, out of which Rs.5 lac was given in cash through Daya Singh and remaining amount was paid by way of RTGS. Further, there are allegations that neither amount was returned nor son of the complainant was sent abroad. Subsequently. there was an agreement by Narinderpal Singh and Satnam Singh regarding return of money of Rs. 13.42 lacs, but, nothing out of above said amount was returned.”

3. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been implicated in the present case solely on account of his relationship with the main accused, Narinder Pal Singh. It is contended that, as per the prosecution version, the alleged transaction took place exclusively between Narinder Pal Singh and the other accused persons, and no amount of any nature whatsoever was ever credited to the petitioner's account. Learned counsel further submits that the petitioner has been in custody since 05.05.2025, and out of a total of 24 witnesses, none has been examined till date. It is urged that, being a magisterial trial, the proceedings are likely to take considerable time before reaching finality, and the role and involvement of the petitioner in the commission of the alleged offence remain doubtful.

4. Counsel for the respondent-State as well as the Counsel for the complainant vehemently oppose the bail application and contend that the petitioner has a history of involvement in similar other cases and hence, his criminal antecedents do not deserve the concession of regular bail. However,



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they do not dispute the facts noticed above.

5. I have heard learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respective parties.

6. Taking into consideration the averments noticed above as also the period of custody as well as the fact that it is a magisterial trial and the petitioner is already on bail in the other two cases that has been registered against him, I deem it appropriate to enlarge the petitioner on regular bail to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

7. The instant petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing requisite bail bond/surety bond to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

8. It is made clear that the petitioner shall not extend any threat and shall not influence any prosecution witnesses in any manner directly or indirectly.

9. The observation made hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression on the merits of the case and the Trial Court shall decide the case on the basis of available material.

OCTOBER 31, 2025
Vishal Sharma

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether Reportable : Yes/No