



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

214**CRM-M-50436-2025****Date of Decision: 12.09.2025****HARWINDER SINGH ALIAS SONY****.....PETITIONER****Vs.****STATE OF PUNJAB****.....RESPONDENT****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUBHAS MEHLA**

Present: Ms. Gagandeep Kaur, Advocate
for the petitioner.

SUBHAS MEHLA, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the present petition filed under Section 483 of BNSS Act, 2023 is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No.66 dated 19.04.2025, under Sections 379-B of IPC (341, 411, 34, 201 and 506 IPC added later on) registered at Police Station Barnala, District Barnala (Annexure P-1).

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner has contended that petitioner was granted regular bail on merits vide order dated 06.10.2020 (Annexure P-2) passed by this Court in CRM-M-30332-2020 (O&M), but later on he failed to appear before the trial Court and was declared as proclaimed offender on 17.11.2023. He was arrested on 22.11.2023. His application for regular bail was dismissed on 18.08.2025 by learned Additional Sessions Judge, Barnala. Learned counsel has also contended that the petitioner is in custody for last more than 01 year, 09 months and 20 days; trial is likely to take long time to conclude and no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind bars.

3. Notice of motion.

4. Mr. Arun Kumar Gujjar, Asst. AG, Haryana accepts notice on behalf



of the respondent-State and opposes the contentions raised by learned counsel for the petitioner and submits that in the present case there are 11 witnesses cited by the prosecution out of which only three witnesses have been examined so far and 06 witnesses have been given up and only 02 remaining witnesses are yet to be examined. As per the custody certificate placed on record, petitioner is in custody for the last 01 year, 09 months and 20 days. He has misused the concession of bail and if again released on bail, he may flee away from the process of law.

5. Heard.

6. Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the present case and the facts that since, earlier the petitioner was granted regular bail on merits, but he failed to appear and was declared as proclaimed offender and then arrested on 22.11.2023. Petitioner is in custody for the last 01 year and 09 months and 20 days. Trial is likely to take long time to conclude. There is no material on the file to suggest that petitioner is involved in any other criminal activity, except the present one.

7. The present petition is hereby disposed of with the direction to the trial Court to conclude the trial expeditiously preferably within three months from the next date of hearing fixed in this case and if the trial Court fails to conclude the trial within the stipulated period, then the petitioner be released on bail to its satisfaction after imposing such condition which deems fit to secure the presence of the petitioner.

(SUBHAS MEHLA)
JUDGE

12.09.2025

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