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

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CRM-M-50993-2025 (O&M)

Date of decision: 24.09.2025

Bikramjit Singh @ Vicky**...Petitioner****Versus****State of Punjab****...Respondent****CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA**

Present:- Mr. Neeraj Jain, Advocate
For the petitioner.

Mr. Roshandeep Singh, AAG, Punjab.

MANISHA BATRA, J. (Oral)

1. Prayer in this petition, filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No. 75 dated 28.04.2022, registered under Sections 420 and 120-B of IPC at Police Station Talwandi Sabo, District Bathinda.

2. As per the allegations, complainant Raj Mukaddar Singh Sidhu came into contact with the present petitioner and his wife Suman while he was studying law at Faridkot. The petitioner represented to him that he had links with the political figures and could get the complainant recruited as a Sub Inspector in Punjab Police from the quota of State Chief Minister. Believing the petitioner and on being induced by him, the complainant gave an amount of Rs.20 Lakhs to the petitioner in January, 2016. Another amount of Rs. 25 Lakhs was given by him to the petitioner in January, 2017. However, the petitioner and his accomplices failed to either provide a job to

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the complainant as undertaken by them or to return his money. On the complaint so filed, the FIR was registered. Investigation proceedings were initiated. The petitioner was arrested on 09.01.2025 and is in custody since then.

3. It is argued by learned counsel for the petitioner that he has been falsely implicated in this case. There is delay of five years in lodging of the FIR. His wife Suman @ Sumanpreet Kaur has been extended benefit of pre-arrest bail. Conclusion of trial is likely to take considerable time. His further incarceration would not serve any useful purpose. The subject offence is triable by Magistrate. Therefore, it is urged that the petition deserves to be allowed and the petitioner deserves to be released on regular bail.

4. *Per contra*, Learned State counsel has strenuously argued that the petitioner is a habitual offender. He is involved in several other cases of similar nature. There are chances of his absconding or committing similar offences, if extended benefit of bail. Hence, it is urged that the petition is liable to be dismissed.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties at considerable length and have also perused the material placed on record.

6. The petitioner is alleged to have induced the complainant to part with an amount of Rs. 45 Lakhs on the pretext of providing job as a police official in Punjab Police to him and is further alleged to have cheated him on that count and caused wrongful loss of money to him. The offence for which the petitioner has been booked is triable by Magistrate. The petitioner is in custody since 10.01.2025. No doubt, as per the custody certificate, he is

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shown to be involved in some other cases of similar nature, however, because of that reason alone, he cannot be denied benefit of bail. Keeping in view the period spent by the petitioner in custody, the nature of the allegations levelled against him and the above discussed facts, I am of the considered opinion that a case is made out for release of the petitioner on bail. Accordingly, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail, subject to his furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

7. It is made clear that any observation made herein above is only for the purpose of deciding the present petition and the same shall have no bearing on the merits of the case.

24.09.2025
Wasim Ansari

(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No