



**In the High Court for the States of Punjab and Haryana at
Chandigarh**

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CRM-M-55029-2025 (O&M)
Date of Decision:- 18.12.2025

Raj Kumar Gera @ Raj Kumar ... Petitioner
Versus
State of Haryana and another ... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUBHAS MEHLA

Present:- Ms. Mani Arora, sister-in-law of the petitioner in person.
ASI Rajbir Singh for the respondent-State.

SUBHAS MEHLA, J. (Oral)

1. By way of the present petition, the petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.463 dated 13.06.2025, registered under Sections 3(5), 316(2), 318(2), 336(3), 338, 340, 351(2) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (equivalent to Sections 34, 406, 417, 468, 467, 470, 506 of Indian Penal Code, 1860), at Police Station Panipat City, District Panipat.
2. Lawyers are abstaining from work.
3. However, Ms. Mani Arora, sister-in-law of the petitioner is present in Court today and submits that the present petitioner is in custody since 14.06.2025. Co-accused, namely, Dev Gera has already been granted bail by this Court vide order dated 16.09.2025.
4. Investigating Officer of the case is present in Court, and filed custody certificate of the petitioner, which shows that the petitioner is in custody for the last about 06 months and 02 days; and he is not involved in any other case. He has admitted that case of the present petitioner is on same



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footings as of co-accused, Dev Gera. Investigation of the case is complete and challan has already been presented before the trial Court.

5. Heard.

6. Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the case, particularly in view of the fact that the petitioner is in custody since 14.06.2025; co-accused, namely, Dev Gera has already been granted bail by this Court vide order dated 16.09.2025; and case of present petitioner is on same footings, no fruitful purpose would be served by keeping him in custody for any further period, as concession of bail cannot be denied just as a measure of punishment and it is a trite principle of criminal jurisprudence that bail is rule, jail is an exception, this Court deems it a fit case to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioner.

7. Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Chief Judicial Magistrate concerned.

18.12.2025
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(SUBHAS MEHLA)
JUDGE

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