



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-59776-2024
Date of decision: 20.03.2025

MANPREET SINGH ALIAS MANNU ALIAS BABBI
....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB
....RESPONDENT

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJIV BERRY

Present:- Mr. Dheeraj Kumar, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Ankit Grewal, DAG, Punjab.

SANJIV BERRY, J.(ORAL)

Mr. Sumit Sood, Assistant Commissioner of Police (East), Ludhiana, is present in Court and filed his affidavit dated 28.01.2025, which is taken on record.

2. By way of present petition filed under Section 483 of BNSS, the petitioner seeks regular bail in case FIR (Annexure P-1) as under: -

FIR No.	Dated	Sections	Police Station
77	08.02.2024	379-B (2), 148, 149 of IPC (Section 120-B, 411, 413 of IPC added later on).	Division No.7, District Ludhiana, Punjab.

3. Arguments heard.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner, *inter alia*, contends that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in this case. He further contends that he has no concern whatsoever with the allegations levelled in the FIR. He further submits that the petitioner is in custody since 08.02.2024 and a false case has been planted on him and he has been arrested without any rhyme or reason and recovery has been planted

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on him by the police. Even there is no complainant coming forward to whom the said articles belong. He contends that the challan has already been presented in Court wherein 12 witnesses have been cited but none has been examined till date and the petitioner is having no criminal antecedents. He further contends that the conclusion of trial will take sufficient long time. Hence, prays for grant of regular bail.

5. Per contra, learned State counsel, on instructions from SI Bhupinder Singh, opposed the bail application by arguing that the petitioner used to snatch mobile phones with co-accused and recovery of 4 mobile phones and one motor cycle has been effected from the present petitioner. Hence, prays for dismissal of the bail.

6. After hearing the respective submissions and perusing the record, it transpires that the petitioner is in custody since 08.02.2024. Challan has already been presented in Court wherein 12 witnesses have been cited but none has been examined till date and the petitioner is having no criminal antecedents. The conclusion of trial, to ascertain criminal liability of the petitioner, will take sufficient long time and no purpose will be served by detaining the petitioner in custody any more.

7. Consequently, without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on bail subject to furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned, if not required in any other case; undertaking to regularly appear on each and every date; not to leave the country without prior permission of the Court; and not to tamper with evidence of prosecution in any manner.



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8. Any observation made above shall not be construed as opinion of this Court on the merits of the case.

(SANJIV BERRY)
JUDGE

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| i) | Whether speaking/reasoned? | Yes/No |
| ii) | Whether reportable? | Yes/No |