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

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CRM-M-57396-2025 (O&M)
Date of decision : 02.12.2025

Bihari Lal @ Bihari Lal Meena

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present:- Mr. Sourabh Sheoran, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Himani Arora, DAG, Haryana.

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. 114 dated 07.05.2025, registered under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B of IPC at Police Station City Sadar Narnaul, District Mahendergarh.

2. The aforementioned FIR was registered on the basis of a complaint moved by the complainant Prem Kumar alleging that in November, 2019, he was introduced with the present petitioner, who represented that he could get the complainant appointed in the Postal Department as he was well acquainted with the officers thereof and raised demand of money of Rs. 7 Lakhs for that purpose. Being induced by the petitioner and believing him, the complainant gave a sum of Rs.2.5 Lakhs to the petitioner on 23.10.2019. The petitioner gave him a joining letter but the complainant came to know that it

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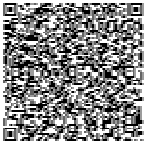


was a false and fabricated document. The petitioner again induced the complainant to part with a sum of Rs. 3.5 Lakhs but did not get him employed anywhere and thereafter straightaway refused to give back the money of the complainant. By alleging that he had been cheated at the hands of the petitioner, the complainant prayed for taking action in the matter. After registration of the FIR, investigation proceedings were initiated. The petitioner was arrested on 29.05.2025. On interrogation, he suffered disclosure statement admitting his involvement in the crime. Investigation qua the petitioner now stands completed.

3. It is argued by learned counsel for the petitioner that he has been falsely implicated in this case. No money was transferred in his account. There is delay of about 05 years and 06 months in registration of the FIR, which has not been explained. In fact, it was a case of rendition of account, which has been given criminal color. The ingredients for commission of subject offences have not been attracted against him. He has clean antecedents. His further incarceration is not going to serve any useful purpose. The trial will take considerable time to conclude as no prosecution witness has been examined so far out of total 11 witnesses. The subject offences are 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. Status report and the custody certificate of the petitioner have been filed. Learned State counsel has argued that there are serious and specific allegations against the petitioner. An amount of Rs. 50,000/- was transferred in the account of the petitioner out of total amount of Rs. 7 Lakhs taken from the complainant, which shows his complicity in the crime. The petitioner had

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given a false and fabricated appointment letter to the complainant, which shows that he had committed offence of forgery also. There are chances of his absconding or committing similar offences, if released on bail. It is, thus, argued that the petition is liable to be dismissed.

5. This Court has heard the rival submissions.
6. The petitioner is alleged to have duped the complainant of an amount of Rs. 7 Lakhs on the premise of providing a job to him in the Postal Department and is also alleged to have given a false and fabricated appointment letter to him. He is in custody since 29.05.2025. Though the allegations prima facie make out a case for commission of subject offences against the petitioner, however, taking into consideration the fact that conclusion of trial is likely to take time as no prosecution witness has been examined so far and also the period of incarceration spent by the petitioner, this Court is of the considered opinion that no useful purpose would be served by keeping him in custody anymore. 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.

02.12.2025

Waseem Ansari

(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No