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

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Date of Decision: 03.11.2025

BHANI RAM

... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASJIT SINGH BEDI

Present: Mr. K.S. Dhaliwal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Viney Phogat, DAG, Haryana.

JASJIT SINGH BEDI, J.

The prayer in the present petition under Section 483 BNSS is for the grant of regular bail in case bearing FIR No.21 dated 21.11.2024 registered under Sections 120-B, 406, 409, 418, 468, 471 IPC and Sections 13(1)(c), 13(1)(d) read with Section 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act at Police Station ACB, Sirsa.

2. As per the allegations all the accused persons who were working with the Public Health Engineering Sub Division Mandi Dabwali, District Sirsa in connivance with the Contractor K.K. Aggarwal repaired an old pipe but showed the construction/installation of a new pipeline thereby embezzling funds of Rs.1,14,139/-.

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3. The learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. There is no evidence to suggest that the work was not carried out as per specifications and that substandard material had been used. As the petitioner is in custody since 18.08.2025 but none of the 16 prosecution witnesses has been examined so far, the Trial of the present case is not likely to be concluded anytime soon and therefore, the petitioner is entitled to the concession of bail.

4. On the other hand, the learned State counsel contends that the petitioner along with his co-accused caused a loss of Rs.1,14,139/- and therefore, the nature of the allegations levelled against all the accused including the petitioner does not entitle him to the concession of bail. He, however, concedes that the petitioner is in custody since 18.08.2025 but none of the 16 prosecution witnesses has been examined so far.

5. I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

6. The veracity of the prosecution case against the petitioner and his co-accused shall be adjudicated upon during the course of the Trial. Admittedly, the petitioner is in custody since 18.08.2025 but none of the 16 prosecution witnesses has been examined so far. Therefore, the Trial of the present case is not likely to be concluded anytime soon. In this situation the further incarceration of the petitioner is not required.

7. Thus without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner-Bhani Ram S/o Brij Lal is ordered to be



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released on bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned CJM/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

8. The petition stands disposed of.

(JASJIT SINGH BEDI)
JUDGE

03.11.2025
JITESH

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