



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-60073-2025

Date of decision: 19th November, 2025

Surjit Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present: Mr. R.K. Arya, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Vivek Sharma, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab.

MANISHA BATRA, J (ORAL):-

The petitioner has been seeking indulgence of this Court by filing this petition for grant of regular bail in case arising out of FIR No. 81 dated 18.08.2019 registered under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B of IPC at Police Station Ramdas, District Amritsar, on the allegations that he had duped the complainant of a sum of Rs. 11,20,000/- on the premise of arranging a job for his son. The petitioner had been extended benefit of bail on 02.03.2020. During the course of investigation, he absented himself on 20.05.2024. Proceedings under Section 82 of Cr.P.C. were initiated against him and he was declared a proclaimed person vide order dated 04.11.2024. He was arrested on 26.07.2025 and is in custody since then. He moved an application for grant of regular bail before the court of learned Additional Sessions Judge, Amritsar, which has been dismissed vide order dated



13.10.2025.

3. It is argued by learned counsel for the petitioner that he has been in custody since long. His absence was not intentional. He is ready to abide by terms and conditions to be imposed upon him. It is, therefore, urged that he deserves to be released on bail.

4. Notice of motion.

5. Learned State counsel has advance notice of the petition and is ready to argue the matter and has submitted that keeping in view the act and conduct of the petitioner, he may abscond again, if extended benefit of bail. Therefore, it is urged that the petition does not deserve to be allowed.

6. This Court has heard learned counsel for the parties at considerable length.

7. The petitioner had been declared proclaimed person. However, now he is in custody since 26.07.2025. Trial is likely to take time as only 10 witnesses out of 19 prosecution witnesses have been examined so far. No useful purpose would be served by keeping him in custody anymore. Keeping in view the attendant facts and circumstances of the case but without meaning to make any comment on the merits thereof, this Court is of the considered opinion that the petition deserves to be allowed. Hence, the same is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail subject to his furnishing personal as well as surety bonds of two sureties to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court and further subject to giving details of his present/permanent address, cell phone number and Aadhar Card, at the time of furnishing bonds before the learned trial Court.



7. On his failure to abide by any of these conditions, the learned trial Court will be at liberty to cancel his bail.

8. Since the main petition has been allowed, pending application, if any, is rendered infructuous.

[MANISHA BATRA]
JUDGE

19th November, 2025

Parveen Sharma

1. Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes / No
2. Whether reportable	:	Yes / No