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

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Date of decision: 10.11.2025

PARDEEP SINGH DHILLON

....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. P.S.Ahluwalia, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. Keerat Dhillon, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Manipal Singh Atwal, DAG, Punjab.

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)

1. Prayer in the present petition filed under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023, is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.8 dated 07.04.2025, registered at Police Station Vigilance Bureau, Flying Squad-I, District Mohali, under Sections 7-A of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 wherein Section 61(2) of BNS, 2023 and Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 were added later on.

2. Learned Senior Counsel contends that the petitioner has been in custody for 2 months and 14 days. He alleges false implication. As per the allegations, a trap was laid wherein co-accused Sukhwinder-agent, who stands released on bail, vide order dated 30.10.2025, Annexure P-7, was found in possession of Rs.2,500/-, while the petitioner came to be

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nominated after 15 days on the ground that he was the overall incharge, who approved the licences without test having been conducted. No demand is stated to have been raised by him even as per the challan. His petition for anticipatory bail having been dismissed, he surrendered in compliance to the order passed by Hon'ble the Supreme Court, dated 12.08.2025, Annexure P-3, and was given liberty to seek regular bail thereafter. Challan was presented on 16.10.2025, charges have not been framed yet and there are, in all, 27 PWs. He is not involved in any other case.

3. The custody certificate dated 08.11.2025, filed by the learned State counsel is taken on record. As per the same, the petitioner is behind bars for 2 months and 14 days.

4. Learned State counsel opposes the bail on the ground that there are specific allegations against the petitioner of having approved the driving licences without conducting any test as he was the RTO concerned, which was in connivance with the co-accused. However, he is unable to controvert the submissions with regard to stage of the case; the petitioner being not involved in any other case and the co-accused having been released on bail.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, in particular that the petitioner is in custody for the last 2 months and 14 days; not involved in any other case; co-accused on bail; challan stands presented on 16.10.2025, charges are yet to be framed and there are total of 27 PWs; the trial is likely to take a considerable time and further

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incarceration of the petitioner would be violative of his right enshrined under Article 21 of the Constitution of India, the present petition is allowed.

6. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail, subject to furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned, if not required in any other case and shall abide by the following conditions:-

- (i) The petitioner will not tamper with the evidence during the trial.
- (ii) The petitioner will not pressurize/ intimidate the prosecution witnesses.
- (iii) The petitioner will appear before the trial Court on each and every date fixed, unless is exempted by a specific order of Court.
- (iv) The petitioner shall not commit an offence similar to the offence of which, he is an accused, or for commission of which he is suspected of.
- (v) The petitioner shall not directly or indirectly coerce, induce, threaten or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him/ her from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer or tamper with the evidence in any manner.
- (vi) The petitioner shall not in any manner misuse his liberty.
- (vii) The petitioner shall furnish his address and mobile number by way of an affidavit to the trial Court and not change the same till conclusion of trial and if for any reasons, he seeks to change either of the aforesaid, it shall be done only with prior information to the learned trial Court.
- (viii) The petitioner shall not leave the country without prior permission of the trial Court.
- (ix) The trial Court/Duty Magistrate may impose any other condition, as deemed appropriate while releasing the petitioner.

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7. It is made abundantly clear that in case there is any breach of the aforesaid conditions, the State shall be at liberty to seek cancellation of bail as granted to the petitioner by this order.

8. In view of the above, it is clarified that the observations made herein above are limited for the purpose of present proceedings and would not be construed as any opinion on the merits of the case and the trial would proceed independently of the aforesaid observations.

10.11.2025

parveen kumar

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes / No

Whether reportable : Yes / No