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

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**CRM-M-63013-2025
Date of decision: 14.11.2025**

SIMRANJEET SINGH ALIAS SIMAR

....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR

Present : Mr. Bishnoi Abhimanyu, Advocate and
Mr. Kartik Gandhi, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Rahul Jindal, AAG, Punjab.

YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR. J.(Oral)

1. Present petition under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 has been filed for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.155 dated 12.08.2019, under Sections 379, 399, 402 and 411 of IPC, registered at Police Station Division B, Amritsar, District Amritsar, Punjab.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contended that petitioner was released on bail in this case and was facing the trial. However, he absented on 09.08.2022, but he was arrested in some other case arising out of FIR No.213 dated 06.07.2022, registered at Police Station Division B, Amritsar, as a result of which, he absented in this case. Thereafter, he was declared a proclaimed offender, vide order dated 22.03.2023. However, now he is in custody since 07.02.2025. Learned counsel next contended that out of total 18 prosecution witnesses, only 06 have been examined till date and the trial is likely to take a long time to conclude and further detention of the petitioner is not required and he may be released on bail.



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4. I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner as well as learned State counsel and have gone through the record.
5. On the other hand, learned State Counsel has opposed the bail and argued that in view of the gravity of the offence, petitioner does not deserve the concession of bail.
6. No doubt petitioner was declared proclaimed offender and he has hampered the trial but now he is in custody since 07.02.2025 and out of total 18 prosecution witnesses, only 06 have been examined till date. Therefore, trial is likely to take sufficiently long time to conclude and no useful purpose will thus be served by detaining the petitioner in custody. However, trial Court can impose stringent conditions so as to secure his presence.
7. Having regard to the aforesaid factual position, but without commenting anything upon the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned Trial Court concerned, on usual terms and conditions.

14.11.2025
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(YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned. : Yes/No
Whether Reportable. : Yes/No