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

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Date of decision: 21.11.2025

Keshav Mahajan

....Petitioner

Versus

Central Bureau of Investigation

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. B. B. Bagga, Advocate,
for the petitioner

Mr. Akashdeep Singh, Sp. PP, CBI

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)

1. Prayer in the present petition filed under Section 483 BNSS is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.RCCHG2022A0011 dated 10.03.2022, registered under Sections 120-B, 420, 406, 409 IPC read with Sections 13(2) and 13(1)(D) of P.C. Act at Police Station CBI, ACB, Chandigarh.
2. Learned counsel contends that since the summons were not received by him as he being the sole bread earner of the family was running from pillar to post for search of some vocation as its accounts had been frozen by the bank, however, on the proclamation proceedings have been initiated on 18.08.2025, he immediately surrendered on the said date and has ever since been in custody. Similarly circumstanced Director had been granted bail having appeared on 18.08.2025 on receipt of the summoning order vide order dated 02.07.2025 passed by the learned Special Judicial Magistrate, CBI, Punjab, Mohali, Annexure P-5, and another co-accused, who was the guarantor was granted bail by this Court



vide order dated 28.10.2025 passed in CRM-M-58248 of 2025, Annexure P-6, after being in custody from the same date as that of the petitioner and against him also proclamation proceedings have been initiated. Challan was presented on 06.10.2025 and the charges are yet to be framed and in all there are 46 prosecution witnesses. He is not involved in any other case.

3. Learned Special Public Prosecutor opposes the bail on the ground that the petitioner appeared only after the proclamation proceedings were initiated. However, he is unable to controvert the submissions with regard to stage of the case and the petitioner being on bail in other case except one.

5. Heard.

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, in particular that the petitioner is in custody for the more than 3 months having been surrendered on 18.08.2025; not involved in any other case; challan stands presented on 06.10.2025; charges are yet to be framed and there are a total 46 PWs, the trial is likely to take a considerable time, further incarceration of the petitioner would be violative of his right enshrined under Article 21 of the Constitution of India, the present petition is allowed.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

21.11.2025

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes / No

Whether reportable : Yes / No