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

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Date of Decision: 10.12.2025

RAM NARAYAN TIWARI

..... Petitioner

*Versus***STATE OF PUNJAB**

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR

Present : Mr. Vipin Mahajan, Sr. Advocate with
Ms. Gagandeep Kaur, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Gorav Kathuria, DAG Punjab.

YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR, J. (Oral)

1. This is the first application under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023 for grant of regular bail in case FIR No.52 dated 04.10.2025, registered at Police Station GRP Sirhind, District Government Railway Police Sirhind, under Sections 336(2), 336(3), 338 and 340(2) of BNS, 2023.

2. In compliance of order dated 20.11.2025 passed by this Court, status report by way of an affidavit dated 09.12.2025 of Sukhdeep Karu, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, GRP Zonal, District Patiala filed on behalf of the respondent-State is taken on record. Registry is directed to tag the same at an appropriate place.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner as well as learned State counsel have been heard and material collected by the police during



investigation has been perused.

4. The present case was registered on the basis of complaint given to the police by Raman Kumar, Booking Supervisor in which he alleged that he was on duty at Railway Station Nangal on 04.10.2025. At about 8.00 am, Ram Narayan Tiwari (petitioner) came to handover the manifest of Train No.14053 SLR which was received by him. He kept the same on the counter and made relevant entry in his record. Thereafter, he went to the washroom and in his absence, Ram Narayan Tiwari put official stamp on the manifest and also appended his signatures on the said SLR Chitarkoot manifest which was sent to Ambala at 10.00 am. Thereafter, he received a call from CPS for verifying his signatures, on which he came to know that Ram Narayan Tiwari has forged his signatures and put the official seal on the manifest and he sought action against him. Petitioner was arrested on 05.10.2025.

5. Learned Senior counsel for the petitioner contended that petitioner is an employee of Chitarkoot Express, Ludhiana which has entered into a contract agreement with Ambala Division Commercial, Northern Railway (Annexure P-2), according to which one SLR coach is on lease with the Chitarkoot Express, in which, they transport goods. Learned counsel further contended that on the said day, 145 packets of fruits which weight 3900 kgs were to be transported in a goods train and he had handed over the manifest to the complainant and thereafter, complainant had himself signed the same and appended his signatures. Later on, he has denied his signatures as he had not paid him some remuneration as demanded by him and false FIR has been got registered. Learned counsel next contended that railway has not suffered any loss as



the coach was already on lease with the company of the petitioner. Learned counsel further contended that the offences in question are a Magisterial Trial. Petitioner was arrested on 05.10.2025. Trial will take a long time to conclude and no useful purpose shall be served by detaining the petitioner in custody and he may be released on bail.

6. 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.

7. As to whether petitioner had forged the signatures of the complainant and affixed the seal of the department or not shall be the moot questions during the trial but it is an admitted fact that manifest was handed over to the complainant by the petitioner and he had made the relevant entry in his record. All the offences are Magisterial Trial. Petitioner was arrested on 05.10.2025. Trial will take a long time to conclude and no useful purpose shall be served by detaining the petitioner in custody and he deserves to be released on bail.

8. Having regard to the aforesaid factual position, but without commenting anything on the merits of the case, the bail application is allowed and petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned Trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned, on usual terms and conditions.

(YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR)
JUDGE

10.12.2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No