



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

CRM-M-64832-2025
Date of decision: 28.11.2025

DEVENDER MOR

...PETITIONER

V/S

U.T. CHANDIGARH

...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUBHAS MEHLA

Present: Mr. Vishal Aggarwal, Advocate and
 Mr. Kritin Jain, Advocate for the petitioner.
 Mr. Manish Bansal, P.P., UT Chandigarh.

SUBHAS MEHLA, J. (ORAL)

1. By way of the present petition, the petitioner is seeking regular bail in case FIR No.55 dated 25.06.2025 registered under Sections 420, 465, 468, 471 and 511 of Indian Penal Code, 1860 at Police Station (North) Sector-3, Chandigarh.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contended that the petitioner is in custody since 08.10.2025; the offences under which the FIR has been registered are triable by the Magistrate; there is no apprehension that if petitioner is released on bail, he will tamper with the prosecution evidence as the present case is based on documentary evidence and the petitioner is having clean and clear antecedents as he is not involved in any other case. As such, learned counsel prayed for grant of regular bail to the petitioner.

3. Learned State counsel opposed the prayer made by the petitioner and submitted that the investigation of the present case is still pending and co-accused are yet to be arrested. As such, learned State counsel prayed for dismissal of bail petition.

4. Heard.



5. Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the case and allegations against the present petitioner; the petitioner is in custody since 08.10.2025 i.e. for the last more than 01 month and has already been remanded to judicial custody; the offences under which the FIR has been registered are triable by the Magistrate; there is no material on file which would suggest that the petitioner is involved in any other case except the present one or that he would tamper with the prosecution evidence after his release, as the case of the prosecution is based on documentary evidence; trial will take sufficient time to conclude and no fruitful purpose would be served by keeping him in custody for any further period, as concession of bail cannot be denied just as a measure of punishment as culpability of accused is to be decided after appreciating evidence adduced by both parties and it is a trite principle of criminal jurisprudence that bail is rule, jail is an exception, this Court deems it a fit case to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioner.

6. Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Chief Judicial Magistrate concerned.

7. Nothing observed hereinabove shall be construed to be expression of an opinion by this Court on merits of the case. The learned Court below is directed to proceed with the matter on its own merits, lest it may prejudice the trial.

November 28, 2025

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(SUBHAS MEHLA)
JUDGE

- (i) Whether speaking/reasoned
- (ii) Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No