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

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**CRM-M-66144-2025 (O&M)
Decided on: 01.12.2025**

RAVNEET SINGH ALIAS LUCKY

.....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUBHAS MEHLA

Present: Mr. Amandeep Singh Rai, Advocate for the petitioner.

SUBHAS MEHLA, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023 seeking grant of regular bail in case bearing FIR No.127 dated 09.08.2024 under Sections 303(2), 317(2), 317(4) of BNS registered at Police Station Division No.5, District Ludhiana.

2. Brief facts of the case are that on 02.08.2024 at about 11:00 am, the complainant namely, Ekta parked her Activa scooter bearing No. PB-10EU-8277, outside her house which was stolen by Ravneet Singh alias Lucky (the present petitioner). The petitioner was arrested on 08.08.2024 allegedly on the basis of secret information and thereafter, on the alleged disclosure statement of the petitioner scooter make Activa bearing No. PB-10EU-8277 of the complainant was recovered and apart from the said scooter, on the basis of disclosure statement, three other Activa scooters were also recovered.



3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contended that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. It is further contended that challan in the present case has already been presented and charges have been framed. He contended that the material witness i.e. complainant has already been examined. It is also contended that the present petitioner is in custody since 08.08.2024 i.e. for the last more than 01 year and 03 months and the maximum punishment for the alleged offence is maximum for a period of 03 years.

4. Notice of motion.

5. Mr. Subhash Godara, Addl. A.G., Punjab, who is present in the Court, accepted notice on behalf of respondent-State and opposed the concession of regular bail to the petitioner and submitted that besides scooter make Activa of the complainant, three other Activa scooters, were also recovered on the basis of disclosure statement of the petitioner.

6. Mr. H.S. Randhawa, Advocate has put in appearance and has filed *vakalatnama* on behalf of the complainant which is taken on record. He vehemently opposed the grant of concession of regular bail to the petitioner, however, does not dispute that the complainant has already been examined by the trial Court.

6. Heard.

7. Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the case and the fact that material witness has already been examined in this case; the present petitioner is in custody for the last more than 01 year and 03 months; trial will take sufficient time to conclude and no fruitful purpose



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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 is to be decided by trial Court after appreciating evidence adduced by the 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.

7. 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.

8. Nothing observed herein shall be construed as an opinion on the merits of the main case.

(SUBHAS MEHLA)
JUDGE

01.12.2025

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Whether Speaking/Reasoned: YES/NO
Whether Reportable: YES/NO