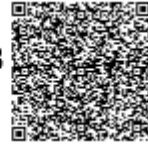


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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

**CRM-M-67096 of 2025
Date of Decision:05.12.2025**

**Manjeet Kumar
Vs.
State of Punjab**

**.....Petitioner

.....Respondent**

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR

Present:- Mr. Sidhant Bhonsle, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Rahul Jindal, AAG, Punjab.

Yashvir Singh Rathor, J. (Oral)

1. This is first petition filed under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.262 dated 24.11.2019 under Sections 379, 473 and 411 (added later on) IPC at Police Station Sarabha Nagar, District Police Commissionerate, Ludhiana.
2. Upon notice, learned State Counsel has appeared and I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have perused the record.
3. Accused- petitioner was facing the trial and was on bail. However, during the Pandemic – Covid-19, substantive proceedings were not conducted and after the Pandemic was over, notice was allegedly issued but he was never served with any notice or bailable warrants and was ultimately declared a proclaimed person. Now petitioner is in custody since 26.05.2025. The offence in question is a Magisterial trial. As such, no useful purpose will be served by detaining the petitioner in custody anymore and he deserves to be released on bail.



However, the trial Court can impose stringent conditions while releasing the petitioner on bail.

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

(Yashvir Singh Rathor)
Judge

December 05, 2025
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Whether Speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No