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

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Satpal Singh @ Satta

....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

Date of decision: December 10, 2025

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CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present:- Mr. Manu Sachdeva, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Hemant Aggarwal, AAG Punjab.

SUMEET GOEL, J. (ORAL)

Present petition has been filed under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.0173 dated 21.08.2025, for the offence punishable under Sections 333, 311, 309(4) & 61(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNS') (Section 311 of BNS deleted and Sections 317(2) & 238 of the BNS added later on), registered at Police Station Sadar Khanna, District Ludhiana.

2. The gravamen of allegations against the petitioner is that complainant, namely, Manpreet Singh, alleged that on 20.08.2025 at about 2:10 P.M., two individuals arrived on a white Activa scooter with their faces covered. One of them entered his shop and, by putting him in fear of sickle

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(dha), took away ₹70,000/-. Subsequently, the complainant came to know the identities of the accused and identified them. During the investigation, the petitioner was nominated in the present case and was arrested. Aactiva scooter bearing registration No.PB-10-FX-0687 was also recovered from co-accused. The petitioner got recovered Rs.50,000/- and Rs.5,000/- separately.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner has argued that the petitioner is in custody since 24.08.2025. Learned counsel has iterated that the petitioner has been falsely implicated into the FIR in question. Learned counsel has further argued that the robbery in question was committed by co-accused, namely, Manpreet Singh along with the petitioner at the instance of one Manvir @ Billa, but later on the complainant made a supplementary statement exonerating the said conspirator, namely, Manvir @ Billa. Learned counsel has further submitted that said Manvir @ Billa has been accorded the concession of regular bail by the concerned Sessions Court. Learned counsel has further submitted that there is no tangible material available on record to connect the petitioner with the FIR in question. Learned counsel has further argued that requisite TIP (Test Identification Parade) was also not got conducted by the police. Learned counsel has urged that the petitioner is a man with clean antecedents. Thus, regular bail is prayed for.

4. Learned State counsel has opposed the present petition by arguing that the allegations raised against the petitioner are serious in nature and, thus, the petitioner does not deserve the concession of the regular bail.

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Learned State counsel seeks to place on record custody certificate dated 09.12.2025 in the Court today, which is taken on record.

5. I have heard counsel for the parties and have gone through the available records of the case.

6. The petitioner was arrested on 24.08.2025 whereinafter investigation was carried out and challan has been presented on 24.10.2025. Total 09 prosecution witnesses have been cited but none has been examined till date. Indubitably, conclusion of the trial will take long time. The rival contention raised at Bar give rise to debatable issues, which shall be ratiocinated upon during the course of trial. This Court does not deem it appropriate to delve deep into these rival contentions, at this stage, *lest* it may prejudice the trial. Nothing tangible has been brought forward to indicate the likelihood of the petitioner absconding from the process of justice or interfering with the prosecution evidence.

6.1. As per custody certificate dated 09.12.2025 filed by learned State counsel, the petitioner has already suffered incarceration for a period of 03 months and 14 days & is not shown to be involved in any other FIR(s).

Suffice to say, further detention of the petitioner as an undertrial is not warranted in the facts and circumstances of the case.

7. In view of above, the present petition is allowed. Petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Ld. concerned CJM/Duty Magistrate. However, in addition to conditions that may be imposed by the concerned CJM/Duty Magistrate, the petitioner shall remain bound by the following conditions:

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- (i) The petitioner shall not mis-use the liberty granted.
- (ii) The petitioner shall not tamper with any evidence, oral or documentary, during the trial.
- (iii) The petitioner shall not absent himself on any date before the trial.
- (iv) The petitioner shall not commit any offence while on bail.
- (v) The petitioner shall deposit his passport, if any, with the trial Court.
- (vi) The petitioner shall give his cell-phone number to the Investigating Officer/SHO of concerned Police Station and shall not change his cell-phone number without prior permission of the trial Court/Illaqa Magistrate.
- (vii) The petitioner shall not in any manner try to delay the trial.

8. In case of breach of any of the aforesaid conditions and those which may be imposed by concerned CJM/Duty Magistrate as directed hereinabove or upon showing any other sufficient cause, the State/complainant shall be at liberty to move cancellation of bail of the petitioner.

9. Ordered accordingly.

10. Nothing said hereinabove shall be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

December 10, 2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No