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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**CRM-M-4848-2026 (O&M)**

Date of Decision: 08.05.2026

PARVEEN SHARMA @ PARVEEN

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE N.S. SHEKHAWATPresent : Mr. Arshdeep S. Khaira, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Charanpreet Singh, A.A.G., Punjab.

Mr. Manish Kansra, Advocate
for the complainant.**N.S. SHEKHAWAT, J. (ORAL)**

The petitioner has filed the present petition under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) with a prayer to grant a regular bail to him in case FIR No.30 dated 31.03.2025 registered under Sections 420 and 120-B IPC, at Police Station C-Division, District Amritsar.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the complainant has alleged that the petitioner committed a fraud of Rs. 10 lakhs upon the complainant. In fact, the petitioner is a poor person and was not in a position to arrange jobs for the complainant's son and daughter. Even otherwise, the allegations, on the face of it, are false and frivolous, and no prudent person would ever believe such allegations. The petitioner is, in fact, running a

salon and has no connection with any government department. Moreover, the petitioner has no association with any political leader or bureaucrat, and apparently, the story has been concocted. Learned counsel further contends that the alleged payments were made between August 2023 and April 2024; however, initial complaint lodged on 20.11.2024 *i.e.*, after the delay of seven months and the FIR in the present case was registered on 31.03.2025 *i.e.*, after an unexplained delay of five months. He further submits that the petitioner was arrested in the present case on 01.10.2025 and has been in custody since then. All the offences in the present case are triable by the Court of Magistrate, and the trial has not progressed at all. In fact, the trial Court framed charges against the petitioner, but on the last five dates of hearing, no prosecution witness was examined. Thus, an attempt has been made by the prosecution to delay the trial before the trial Court.

3. On the other hand, learned State counsel, assisted by learned counsel for the complainant, has vehemently opposed the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner on the ground that the petitioner is the main accused and that huge sums were transferred into his account by the complainant and others. Apart from that, the petitioner is involved in another case of a similar nature, and therefore, the present petition deserves to be dismissed.

4. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the record carefully.

5. It is not disputed that the petitioner was arrested in the present case on 01.10.2025 and has been in custody for the last about seven months.

Further, during the course of the trial, charges have been framed against

the petitioner; however, the prosecution has not been able to examine even a single witness so far. Moreover, the offences in the present case are triable by the Court of Magistrate, and the prosecution may take quite a long time in examining 20 prosecution witnesses, which have been cited in the challan. Moreover, there is nothing on record to show that the petitioner may be in a position to tamper with the prosecution evidence or may flee from the process of justice. Thus, without commenting further on the merits of the case at this stage, the present petition is allowed, and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Chief Judicial Magistrate concerned, subject to the following conditions :-

- (i) *The petitioner shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case, so as to dissuade him to disclose such facts to the Court or to any other authority.*
- (ii) *The petitioner shall remain present before the Court on the dates fixed for hearing of the case.*
- (iii) *The petitioner shall not absent himself from the Court proceedings except on the prior permission of the Court concerned.*
- (iv) *The petitioner shall surrender his passport, if any, (if already not surrendered), and in case he is not holder of the same, he shall swear an affidavit to that effect.*
- (v) *The petitioner shall also file his affidavit before the concerned Court, mentioning his ordinary place of residence and number of mobile phone, which shall be used by him during the pendency of the trial. In case of change of place of residence/mobile number, he shall*

share the details with the concerned Court/learned Trial Court.

- (vi) *In case, the petitioner is involved in any other criminal activity, during the pendency of the trial, it shall be viewed seriously and the prosecution shall be at liberty to move a petition for cancellation of bail granted to him.*
- (vii) *The concerned Court may insist on two heavy local sureties and may also impose any other condition, in accordance with law, while accepting the bails bonds and surety bonds of the petitioner.*

May 08, 2026

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[N.S. SHEKHAWAT]

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether reportable:

Yes/No