



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

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CRM-M-8771-2026 (O&M)
Date of decision: 10.03.2026

Mohd. Iqbal

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. Harvinder Singh Maan, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Jasjit Singh, DAG, Punjab.

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)

1. Prayer in the present petition filed under Section 483 BNSS is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.17 dated 01.12.2025, registered under Section 7 of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 as amended by Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018 and under Section 61(2) of BNS, at Police Station Economic Offences Wing, Punjab Vigilance Bureau, Ludhiana.

2. Learned counsel contends that the petitioner, 57 year old, has been in custody for 03 months and 03 days. As a matter of fact, he has been falsely implicated in the case. The petitioner was to accept Rs. 2,98,500/- as lease amount from the complainant for 20 Marlas taken by him from Waqf Board, wherein the petitioner was working as an Assistant and was not aware that the amount was being handed over otherwise. *Challan* was presented on 27.01.2026, but charges



have not been framed so far. In all there are 15 prosecution witnesses. He is not involved in any other case.

3. The custody certificate dated 09.03.2026, filed by the learned State counsel is taken on record. As per the same, the petitioner is behind bars for 03 months and 03 days.

4. Learned State counsel opposes the bail on the ground that the petitioner caught red handed with bribe amount of Rs.2,98,500/-. However, he is unable to controvert the submissions with regard to stage of the trial and the petitioner being not involved in other case.

5. Heard.

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, in particular that the petitioner is in custody for 03 months and 03 days; not involved in any other case; *challan* was presented on 27.01.2026, but charges are yet to be framed; there are a total of 15 prosecution witnesses, the trial is likely to take a considerable time, further incarceration of the petitioner would be violative of his right enshrined under Article 21 of the Constitution of India, the present petition is allowed.

7. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail, subject to furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned, if not required in any other case and shall abide by the following conditions:-

- (i) The petitioner will not tamper with the evidence during the trial.
- (ii) The petitioner will not pressurize/ intimidate the prosecution witnesses.
- (iii) The petitioner will appear before the trial Court on each and every date fixed, unless is exempted by a specific



order of Court.

- (iv) The petitioner shall not commit an offence similar to the offence of which, he is an accused, or for commission of which he is suspected of.
- (v) The petitioner shall not directly or indirectly coerce, induce, threaten or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him/ her from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer or tamper with the evidence in any manner.
- (vi) The petitioner shall not in any manner misuse his liberty.
- (vii) The petitioner shall furnish his address and mobile number by way of an affidavit to the trial Court and not change the same till conclusion of trial and if for any reasons, he seeks to change either of the aforesaid, it shall be done only with prior information to the learned trial Court.
- (viii) The petitioner shall not leave the country without prior permission of the trial Court.
- (ix) The trial Court/Duty Magistrate may impose any other condition, as deemed appropriate while releasing the petitioner.

8. It is made abundantly clear that in case there is any breach of the aforesaid conditions, the State shall be at liberty to seek cancellation of bail as granted to the petitioner by this order.

9. In view of the above, it is clarified that the observations made herein above are limited for the purpose of present proceedings and would not be construed as any opinion on the merits of the case and the trial would proceed independently of the aforesaid observations.

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

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Whether reportable	:	Yes / No