

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

(207)

CRM-M-8352-2026 (O & M)**Date of decision: 18.03.2026**

Subhash Sharma

.... Petitioner

V/s

State of Haryana

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASJIT SINGH BEDI

Present: Mr. Ankur Lal, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Ms. Geeta Rani, AAG, Haryana.

JASJIT SINGH BEDI, J. (Oral)

The prayer in the present petition under Section 483 BNSS is for the grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.44 dated 01.12.2025 under Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (subsequently added Section 13(1)(b) read with Section 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988) registered at Police Station ACB, Gurugram, Haryana.

2. As per the prosecution case, the complainant-Amit Kumar had sold a Diagnostics Centre to Alfa Diagnostics and needed an NOC from the office of Civil Surgeon Office, Gurugram.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. He was not in a position to issue the NOC and therefore, the question of demand of any bribe does not arise. As he is in custody since 01.12.2025, the report under Section 173 Cr.P.C. (Section 193 BNSS) stands presented but none of the 18 prosecution witnesses has been examined so far, the Trial of the present case is not likely to be concluded anytime soon and therefore, he is entitled to the



4. The learned counsel for the State, on the other hand, while referring to the reply dated 09.03.2026 contends that the petitioner was apprehended while accepting an amount of Rs.3,25,000/- as illegal gratification. The allegations levelled against him are grave and therefore, he is not entitled to the concession as prayed for. She, however, concedes that the petitioner is in custody since 01.12.2025, the report under Section 173 Cr.P.C. (Section 193 BNSS) stands presented but none of the 18 prosecution witnesses has been examined so far.

5. I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

6. The veracity of the prosecution case against the petitioner shall be adjudicated upon during the course of the Trial. As he is in custody since 01.12.2025. the report under Section 173 Cr.P.C. (193 BNSS) stands presented but none of the 18 prosecution witnesses has been examined so far, the Trial of the present case is not likely to be concluded anytime soon. In this situation, the further incarceration of the petitioner is not required.

7. Thus, without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner, namely, Subhash Sharma is ordered to be released on bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned CJM/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

8. This petition stands disposed of.

9. The pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of accordingly.

March 18, 2026
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(JASJIT SINGH BEDI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	: Yes/No
Whether reportable	: Yes/No