

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

2026:PHHC:037316



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CRM-M-9259-2026 (O&M)
Date of decision: 11.03.2026
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Sanjeev Goyal @ Sanjeev Kumar

....Petitioner

V/s

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Mr. Vishal Sharda, Advocate for
Mr. Rhythem Bajaj, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Hemant Aggarwal, DAG, Punjab.

SUMEET GOEL, J. (ORAL)

1. Present petition has been filed under Section 483 of BNSS for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No.100 dated 17.08.2025 registered for offences punishable under Sections, 304, 351, 3(5) of BNS 2023 (Section 61(2) of BNS 2023 added later on), at Police Station Punjab Agriculture University (PAU), District Police Commissionerate Ludhiana.

2. The case set up in the FIR in question (as set out by the petitioner in the present petition) is as follows:-

*“Statement of Charis Garg son of Rajesh Garg, resident
of House No. 41 (A)*

New Kitchlu Nagar, Police Station PAU, Ludhiana, age about 27 years, No. 82888-15052. Stated that I am a resident of the above address and work for Western Union. Today, I and my uncle Ashok Garg were going to my house at around 5.30 PM in our car bearing registration number PB-10GT-6948. I was driving the car and my uncle Asok Garg was sitting on the seat next to us. When we entered New Kitchal Nagar a little behind our house, some unknown persons stopped our car and started asking for directions. I stopped the car and was telling them the way. Two unknown persons, who were carrying sharp weapons, forced their way into our car from the other side. They pointed a sharp object at my mouth and said, "Give us whatever you have, or they will kill you." Meanwhile, one of them, who had a blue turban tied around his head, snatched my Samsung S22 Ultra Purple, Apple 15 Pro Max Silver and my uncle Ashok Garg's One Plus Ned Gray mobile phone. The second person, who had a purple turban tied around his head, snatched both of our purses, which contained some cash and our important documents, and also snatched the silver bracelet I was wearing. The third person, who was bald, snatched my bag in the car, which contained some cash, which I will tell you about later after checking the records, and which contained important bank documents and my HP laptop and other essentials. Later, the three unknown persons drove a white SUV, number PB-35AP-6638, white, in which two other people were sitting. In which they escaped from the opportunity by sitting in it. I will identify them when they come forward. I have written my statement to you in the presence of my uncle Ashok Garg, I have read it, I have heard it correctly."

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner was initially arrested on 19.08.2025. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner the petitioner has been falsely implicated into the FIR in question. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner has further argued that the main accused namely Varun Mittal (from whom money in question was recovered) has since been granted the concession of regular bail by the concerned Sessions Court at Ludhiana. Learned counsel appearing for the

petitioner has further contended that the petitioner has suffered incarceration for more than 6 months and is a man with clean antecedents.

Thus, regular bail is prayed for.

4. Learned State counsel has vehemently opposed the present petition by arguing that the allegations raised are serious in nature and, hence, the petitioner does not deserve the concession of regular bail. Learned State counsel seeks to place on record custody certificate dated 10.03.2026 in Court, which is taken on record.

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

6. It is not in dispute that the petitioner came to be arrested on 19.08.2025 whereinafter investigation was carried out and challan was presented on 17.10.2025. Total 19 prosecution witnesses have been cited and out of which only 1 has been examined partly. The rival contentions 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.

As per the custody certificate dated 10.03.2026 filed by the learned State counsel, the petitioner has suffered incarceration for 6 months & 14 days and is not shown to be involved in any other case/FIR.

Suffice to say, the further detention of the petitioner in custody is not required in the facts and circumstances of the case.

7. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned 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:-

- (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/Illaq 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.

11. Since the main case has been decided, pending miscellaneous application, if any, shall also stands disposed off.

(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

March 11, 2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No