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**(209) IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT  
CHANDIGARH**

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**Date of Decision: 06.04.2026**

**PUNIT SHARMA**

... Petitioner

Versus

**STATE OF HARYANA**

...Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASJIT SINGH BEDI**

Present: Ms. Sakshi Khera, Advocate with  
Mr. Arpil Sharma, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Vipul Sherwal, Asstt. A.G., Haryana.

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**JASJIT SINGH BEDI, J.**

The prayer in this 2<sup>nd</sup> petition under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023 is for the grant of regular bail in case bearing FIR No.222 dated 10.10.2023 registered under Sections 387, 506, 120B IPC (Sections 308, 351, 61(2) BNS, 2023) at Police Station Civil Lines, Gurugram, Haryana.

2. The brief facts leading to the registration of the FIR aforementioned are that on 29.09.2023, a complaint was moved by the complainant/Pawan Kumar, wherein, he had alleged that he was working as Deputy Superintendent in Irrigation Department at Sector 15, Gurugram. It was further alleged that on 21.09.2023, he had received a WhatsApp call on his mobile number 9871921935 from number 9729293983. The caller identified himself as Punit and threatened that he had killed Shravan and Sachin and that the complainant was next. The complainant further alleged



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that the caller had also threatened him and had demanded ₹10 lacs as well, as settlement for Shravan's case. Legal action was sought. On the basis of these allegations, the aforementioned FIR was registered and investigation was taken up in the matter. Later Section 384 IPC was added.

3. During the course of the investigation, it transpired that Punit Sharma (petitioner), was lodged in District Jail Neemka, Faridabad and his presence was sought to be procured by way of issuance of production warrants.

4. On 28.02.2024, the petitioner-Punit Sharma @ Punit was joined in the investigation of the case, pursuant to his production on warrants before the Ld. Trial Court. He was arrested upon receipt of appropriate incriminating evidence against him. He was interrogated while being in custody and upon interrogation, he suffered his disclosure statement admitting his involvement in commission of present crime and in pursuance of thereof, he got recovered one mobile phone, which was taken into police possession.

5. During the course of investigation, on 29.02.2024, he suffered his amended disclosure statement, wherein he disclosed about the complicity of co-accused Neeraj Pandit, with regards to hatching of the conspiracy and the entire act had been committed by him at the instance of Neeraj only. On the basis of the inputs provided by the petitioner, offence punishable under Section 120-B of IPC was added to the present case.

6. During during the course of further investigation, ID-CAF, Call Detail Records of mobile number 9729293983, from which the threat call had

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been made, and the complainant's mobile number 9871921935 were obtained from the concerned service providers and taken into police possession. On perusal of the records, it was found that the mobile number 9871921935 was registered in the name of complainant himself and the mobile number 9729293983 was registered in the name of one Manish. The said Manish was associated with investigation of the case on 10.04.2024 and his statement was recorded.

7. Upon completion of the investigation qua the petitioner, Final Report mandated as per the provisions of Section 173(2) of Cr.P.C for commission of offences punishable under Sections 387, 506 and 120B of IPC was submitted in the court of competent jurisdiction on 19.09.2025.

8. The learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations levelled against the petitioner are false. There is no call recording available in respect of the alleged incident which creates doubt in the prosecution case. The alleged extortion call was made on 21.09.2023 whereas the complaint in respect of the said incident was lodged only on 29.09.2023 and the FIR came to be registered thereafter on 10.10.2023. This unexplained and inordinate delay is fatal to the prosecution case. As the petitioner is in custody since 28.02.2024 but only 02 of the 08 prosecution witnesses have 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 concession of bail.

9. A reply dated 27.03.2026 by way of an affidavit of Vishnu Parshad, HPS, Assistant Commissioner of Police, City, Gurugram has been



filed on behalf of the State by the learned counsel for the State. The same is taken on record. While referring to the reply, he contends that as per the investigation, the petitioner was an active participant in criminally intimidating the complainant and had attempted to extort an amount of Rs.10 lakhs at the behest of his co-accused Neeraj Pandit by making threatening calls to the complainant in order to dissuade him from deposing before the Court in the case of one Shravan. He is an accused in five other cases including that of murder. There is every possibility that he would pressurize and threaten other witnesses in case he is not granted the concession of bail. Two of his co-accused are absconding. His last bail application was argued and subsequently withdrawn on 02.02.2026 (Annexure P-1). There are no change in circumstances entitling the petitioner to the grant of bail. He, therefore prays that the present petition is liable to be dismissed.

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

11. The petitioner is a habitual offender. The details of the cases registered against him are as under:-

| Sr. No. | FIR Nos. and date                | Sections         | Police Station           | Status     |
|---------|----------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| 1.      | FIR No.588 of 2019               | 302 IPC          | P.S. Sector 10A          | Undertrial |
| 2.      | FIR No.679 of 2019<br>20.10.2017 | 302 and 120B IPC | P.S. Sector 7, Faridabad | Undertrial |



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| 3. | FIR No.797 of 2023 | 506, 120B IPC      | P.S. Sector 8, Faridabd           | Undertrial |
| 4. | FIR No.498 of 2023 | 302, 34 IPC        | P.S. City, Palwal                 | Undertrial |
| 5. | FIR No.38 of 2024  | Under the Arms Act | P.S. Sadar, Ballabgarh, Faridabad | Undertrial |

12. As per the allegations levelled against the petitioner, he attempted to extort Rs.10 lakhs from the complainant at the behest of co-accused Neeraj Pandit. Both Neeraj Pandit and Nitin Pandit are absconding. There is every possibility that the petitioner too would abscond from justice in case, he is granted the concession of bail looking at his antecedents. He may also attempt to pressurize witnesses and dissuade them from deposing truthfully. The Trial is proceeding at a steady pace with 02 of the 08 prosecution witnesses already examined. His last bail application was argued and when this Court was not inclined to grant him the concession of bail, he withdrew the same on 02.02.2026 (Annexure P-1). No change in circumstances have been pointed entitling him to the concession as prayed for.
13. In view of the above, I find no merit in the present petition. Therefore, the same stands dismissed.



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14. However, it is made clear that the observations in this order are only for the purposes of deciding this bail application and the Trial Court is free to adjudicate upon the matter in accordance with law.

(JASJIT SINGH BEDI)  
JUDGE

06.04.2026  
JITESH

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