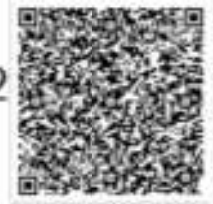


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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

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Date of Decision: 13.03.2026

Gurmail Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASJIT SINGH BEDI

Present: Mr. Anmol Partap Singh Mann, Advocate with
Mr. Navjot Singh Sidhu, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Vipul Sherwal, AAG, Haryana.

JASJIT SINGH BEDI, J.

The prayer in the present petition under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023 is for the grant of regular bail in case bearing FIR No.42 dated 28.11.2025 registered under Section 7 of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and Section 308(2) BNS, 2023 (Sections 7-A, 13(1)(b), 13(2) of PC Act added later on) at Police Station ACB/SVB Gurugram.

2. The case of prosecution, in brief, is that complainant Mohan Singh S/o Lala Ram, R/o Alduka, Distt Nuh moved a complaint alleging therein that his relative Parmod s/o Ishwar and Ranju w/o Sahab Singh r/o New Delhi had purchased one and half Acres of land in village Alduka and eight month prior to this incident he came to know that there is some mistake in the revenue records and from that day he was visiting the 'Halka Patwari', Gurmail Singh (petitioner) and his Munshi Tasleem (since granted the

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concession of bail vide order dated 17.02.2026 in CRM-M-8199-2026) and Javed had received Rs. 20,000/- as bribe for correcting the revenue papers and the Patwari was further demanding Rs. 5,000/- as bribe but he does not want to give bribe for correcting the papers. It is the case of the prosecution that after preparing a raiding party a raid was conducted after appointing a Duty Magistrate and shadow witness and the shadow witness was directed to accompany the complainant and after exchange of currency notes, he would inform the raiding party. After reaching at the spot the complainant and shadow witness were sent to the Tehsil, Nuh and the raiding party concealed themselves in the nearby area. After some time on receiving of a signal the raiding party reached the room of Patwari Gurmail Singh, Halka Patwari. Gurmail, Tasleem and Javed were present there and Rs. 6,000/- were recovered from the pocket of the petitioner-Gurmail Singh Patwari and they were taken into possession Thereafter all the three persons were apprehended but after sometime Javed was released. It is further case of the prosecution that the petitioner Tasleem received Rs 5000/- after getting transferred Rs. 5000/- in the account of his son. On the aforesaid facts, the present FIR was registered.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. Taking the allegations to be true, the prosecution has not been able to point out as to what exact correction was required to be carried out by the petitioner. As the petitioner is in custody since 28.11.2025, the challan stands submitted but

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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 concession of bail, moreso, when a co-accused/Tasleem Ahmed has been granted the concession of bail.

4. On the other hand, the learned State counsel contends that the petitioner along with his co-accused were caught red-handed with illegal gratification. The nature of the allegations levelled against the petitioner do not entitle him to the concession of bail. He, however, concedes that the petitioner is in custody since 28.11.2025, the challan stands submitted but none of the 18 of the prosecution witnesses has been examined so far and a co-accused has been granted the concession of bail.

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

6. The veracity of the prosecution case against the petitioner and his co-accused shall be adjudicated upon during the course of the Trial. Admittedly, the petitioner is a first-time offender, in custody since 28.11.2025, the challan stands submitted but none of the 18 prosecution witnesses has been examined so far. Therefore, 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, moreso, when a co-accused has been granted the concession of bail.

7. Thus without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner-Gurmail Singh is ordered to be released

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on bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned CJM/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

8. The petition stands disposed of.

(JASJIT SINGH BEDI)
JUDGE

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