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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH
(205) CRM-M-14583-2026 (O & M)
Date of decision: 20.03.2026

Saurabh Upadhayay Petitioner
V/s

State of Haryana ...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASJIT SINGH BEDI

Present: Mr. P.S. Ahluwalia, Advocate with
Mr. H.S. Randhawa Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Vipul Sherwal, AAG, Haryana.

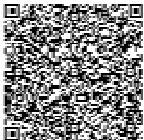
JASJIT SINGH BEDI, J. (Oral)

The prayer in the present petition under Section 483 BNSS is for the grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.49 dated 26.12.2025 under Section 7, 13(1)(b) read with Section 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 registered at Police Station Anti Corruption Bureau, Gurgaon, Haryana.

2. As per the prosecution case, the petitioner was caught red-handed accepting an amount of Rs.35,000/-. He is further alleged to have received a sum of Rs.1,49,500/-. The said amounts were received so as to clear the pending bills of the complainant.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. As he is in custody since 26.12.2025, the report under Section 173 Cr.P.C. (Section 193 BNSS) stands presented but none of the 22 prosecution witnesses has been examined so far, the Trial of the present case is not likely to be concluded

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4. The learned counsel for the State contends that the petitioner had accepted illegal gratification with a view to clear the bills of the complainant. The allegations levelled against him are grave and therefore, he is not entitled to the concession as prayed for. He, however, concedes that the petitioner is in custody since 26.12.2025, the report under Section 173 Cr.P.C. (Section 193 BNSS) stands presented but none of the 22 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 26.12.2025, the report under Section 173 Cr.P.C. (193 BNSS) stands presented but none of the 22 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, Saurabh Upadhayay 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 20, 2026
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(JASJIT SINGH BEDI)
JUDGE

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