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AT CHANDIGARH**

CRM-M-16976-2026
Date of decision: 11.05.2026

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...PETITIONER

V/S

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUBHAS MEHLA

Present: Mr. Rishav Jain, Advocate and
 Ms. Shivaly Singla, Advocate
 for the petitioner.

Mr. Subhash Godara, Addl. A.G. Punjab.

SUBHAS MEHLA, J. (ORAL)

1. By way of the present petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, the petitioner is seeking regular bail in case bearing FIR No.77 dated 19.06.2025 registered under Sections 318(4), 319(2), 336(3), 338, 340(2), 61(2) and 111 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNS') at Police Station Division No.4, Patiala.

2. In the present case, allegations against the petitioner are that he, in connivance with other co-accused furnished false and frivolous bail/surety bonds before various Courts by way of forging identity cards and other documents of common people.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner prayed for grant of regular bail to the petitioner on the following grounds :

- i. The petitioner has been falsely involved in the present case.
- ii. Case of the petitioner is on same footing with co-accused, namely, Kulwinder Singh @ Rohit, Vikram Kumar, Lovepreet Singh @ Lavi, Renu Kant and Hakam Singh, who have already



been granted the relief of regular bail by a Co-ordinate Bench of this Court vide a common order dated 10.03.2026 passed in ***CRM-M Nos.67300 of 2025*** (Annexure P-2).

- iii. Investigation has already been completed and final report under Section 193 of BNSS has already been filed.
- iv. As per the case of the prosecution, an attempt was being made by the petitioner and co-accused that they will appear before the Court for the purpose of giving fake bail/surety bonds, hence, at the most, a case for having forged documents is made out, for which, the maximum sentence is up to 03 years.
- v. Petitioner is in custody since 22.06.2025 i.e. for the last more than last 10 months.
- vi. Trial will take sufficient time to conclude. No fruitful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind the bars for an indefinite period.

4. Learned State counsel opposed the prayer of the petitioner on the following grounds:

- i. The petitioner and co-accused were apprehended at the spot and forged documents were recovered from their possession as they were planning to use all these documents by appearing as surety before the Court.
- ii. Petitioner is also involved in one more case of similar nature.

5. Heard.

6. Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the present case and the following contentions of learned counsel for the parties that :



- i. Co-accused, namely, Kulwinder Singh @ Rohit, Vikram Kumar, Lovepreet Singh @ Lavi, Renu Kant and Hakam Singh, who have already been granted the relief of regular bail by a Co-ordinate Bench of this Court vide a common order dated 10.03.2026 passed in **CRM-M Nos.67300 of 2025** (Annexure P-2).
- ii. Petitioner is in custody since 22.06.2025 i.e. for the last more than 10 months.
- iii. Investigation has already been completed and final report under Section 193 of BNSS has already been filed.
- iv. Trial will take sufficient time to conclude. No fruitful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner in custody for any further period.

7. Concession of bail cannot be denied just as a measure of punishment as culpability of accused is to be decided after appreciating evidence adduced by both the parties. It is a trite principle of criminal jurisprudence that bail is rule, jail is an exception, this Court deems it a fit case to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioner.

8. Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Chief Judicial Magistrate concerned.

May 11, 2026
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(SUBHAS MEHLA)
JUDGE

- (i) Whether speaking/reasoned
- (ii) Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No