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

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Date of Decision: 07.05.2026

JAGDISH CHANDER

... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA

...Respondent

CRM-M-19816-2026

KANCHAN

... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASJIT SINGH BEDI

Present: Mr. D.N. Ganeriwala, Advocate
for the petitioner in CRM-M-17208-2026.

Mr. B.S. Jattan, Advocate
for the petitioner in CRM-M-19816-2026.

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

JASJIT SINGH BEDI, J. (ORAL)

This order shall dispose of two petitions bearing No.CRM-M-17208-2026 titled as Jagdish Chander Versus State of Haryana and CRM-M-19816-2026 titled as Kanchan Versus State of Haryana as the same are

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arising out of the same FIR. However, for the sake of convenience the facts have been taken from CRM-M-17208-2026.

2. The prayer in the present petitions under Section 483 BNSS is for the grant of regular bail in case bearing FIR No.586 dated 06.11.2025 registered under Sections 7 & 13 of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and Sections 61(2), 308(6), 199(3) of BNS, 2023 (Sections 120B, 388, 166A(b) of IPC) at Police Station Civil Lines, Sirsa.

3. As per the prosecution case, one Seema Rani @ Simran Kaur daughter of Sukha Singh (subsequently nominated as an accused) levelled allegations against Pawan Bansal for committing rape upon her. The complaint was made to Sub-Inspector Jagdish Chander (petitioner in CRM-M-17208-2026) who is alleged to have pressurized Pawan Bansal to effect a settlement and thereby received amount of Rs.2,30,000/- and Rs.10,000/- as his share. Kanchan (petitioner in CRM-M-19816-2026) who is a part of the conspiracy received Rs.75,000/- as her share.

4. The learned counsels for the petitioners contend that the petitioners have been falsely implicated in the present case. The allegations are baseless. As the petitioners are in custody since 07.11.2025 and 06.12.2025 respectively but only 01 of the 16 prosecution witnesses has been examined so far, the Trial of the present case is not likely to be concluded anytime soon and therefore, they are entitled to the concession of bail..

5. On the other hand, the learned State counsel contends that the petitioners extorted a huge amount of money on the pretext of rape

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allegations having been levelled upon Pawan Bansal. The nature of the allegations levelled against the petitioners do not entitle them to the concession of bail. He, however, concedes that the petitioners are in custody since 07.11.2025 and 06.12.2025 respectively but only 01 of the 16 prosecution witnesses has been examined so far.

6. I have heard the learned counsel for the petitioners.

7. The veracity of the prosecution case against the petitioners and their co-accused shall be adjudicated upon during the course of the Trial. Admittedly, the petitioners are in custody since 07.11.2025 and 06.12.2025 respectively but only 01 of the 16 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 petitioners is not required.

8. Thus without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petitions are allowed and the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail on their furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned CJM/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

9. The petitioners shall appear before the police station concerned on the first Monday of every month till the conclusion of the trial and inform in writing each time that they are not involved in any other crime other than the present case.

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10. In addition, the petitioners (or anyone on their behalf) shall prepare an FDR in the sum of Rs.50,000/- each and deposit the same with the Trial Court. The same would be liable to be forfeited as per law in case of the absence of the petitioners from trial without sufficient cause.

11. The petitions stand disposed of.

(JASJIT SINGH BEDI)
JUDGE

07.05.2026

JITESH

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