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

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Date of Decision: 12.05.2026

RISHI RAJ

... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASJIT SINGH BEDI

Present: Mr. Ankur Mittal, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. Sakal Sikri, Advocate
Ms. Kushaldeep K. Manchanda, Advocate
Mr. VPS Mithewal, Advocate and
Mr. Siddhanth Arora, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. T.P. Singh, Sr. DAG, 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.43 dated 28.11.2022 registered under Sections 409, 420, 467, 468, 471, 120B IPC read with Sections 13(1)(C), 13(1)(d) read with Section 13(2) of Prevention of Corruption Act at Police Station ACB, Gurugram, Haryana.

2. As per the allegations, the petitioner purchased a plot from HUDA in the year 1997 but on account of non-payment of instalments, the plots stood resumed. Despite resumption of the same, he gave a GPA to one

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V.K. Goyal who got the same re-allotted to himself (V.K. Goyal) which re-allotments was also cancelled.

3. The learned Senior counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. He is of the age of 76 years and is suffering from cancer. He is in custody since 11.03.2026. The challan has been submitted only recently and therefore, even the charges have not been framed. As many as 23 prosecution witnesses are required to be examined so far. Therefore, the Trial of the present case is not likely to be concluded anytime soon and hence, he is entitled to the concession of bail.

4. On the other hand, the learned State counsel contends that 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 11.03.2026 but none of the 23 of the 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. Admittedly, the petitioner is a first-time offender, in custody since 11.03.2026 but none of the 23 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.

7. Thus without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner-Rishi Raj S/o Baldev Raj is ordered to



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be released 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

12.05.2026

JITESH

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