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

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Date of decision: 08.04.2026

MANGAL SINGH

....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. Vipin Mahajan, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. Utkrant Mahajan, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Manjot Kaur, AAG, Punjab.

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)

1. Prayer in the present petition filed under Section 483 BNSS (439 Cr.P.C.) is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.231 dated 23.08.2025, registered under Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Amended Act 2018), at Police Station Dinanagar, District Gurdaspur.

2. Learned Senior Counsel contends that the petitioner, who has an unblemished service record of 35 years and is due to retire within 7 months, is in custody for 2 months and 17 days. He alleges false implication. The allegations against him by the complainant, whose family is involved in 17 cases under the Excise Act and NDPS Act, are that he had sought bribe of Rs.5,000/-, not to involve them in the case

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under the NDPS Act. Challan has been presented on 19.03.2026, however, charges are yet to be framed and there are, in all, 16 PWs. He is not involved in any other case.

3. Learned State counsel opposes the bail on the ground that there are specific allegations against the petitioner of having taken Rs.5,000/- as a bribe from the complainant. However, he is unable to controvert the submissions with regard to stage of the case and the petitioner being not involved in any other case.

4. Heard.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, in particular that the petitioner is in custody for the last 2 months and 17 days; not involved in any other case; challan stands presented on 19.03.2026, but charges have not been framed and there are total 16 PWs; the trial is likely to take a considerable time, further incarceration of the petitioner would be violative of his right enshrined under Article 21 of the Constitution of India, the present petition is allowed.

6. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail, subject to furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned, if not required in any other case and shall abide by the following conditions:-

- (i) The petitioner will not tamper with the evidence during the trial.
- (ii) The petitioner will not pressurize/ intimidate the prosecution witnesses.
- (iii) The petitioner will appear before the trial Court on each and every date fixed, unless is exempted by a specific order of Court.

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- (iv) The petitioner shall not commit an offence similar to the offence of which, he is an accused, or for commission of which he is suspected of.
- (v) The petitioner shall not directly or indirectly coerce, induce, threaten or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him/ her from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer or tamper with the evidence in any manner.
- (vi) The petitioner shall not in any manner misuse his liberty.
- (vii) The petitioner shall furnish his address and mobile number by way of an affidavit to the trial Court and not change the same till conclusion of trial and if for any reasons, he seeks to change either of the aforesaid, it shall be done only with prior information to the learned trial Court.
- (viii) The petitioner shall not leave the country without prior permission of the trial Court.
- (ix) The trial Court/Duty Magistrate may impose any other condition, as deemed appropriate while releasing the petitioner.

7. It is made abundantly clear that in case there is any breach of the aforesaid conditions, the State shall be at liberty to seek cancellation of bail as granted to the petitioner by this order.

8. In view of the above, it is clarified that the observations made herein above are limited for the purpose of present proceedings and would not be construed as any opinion on the merits of the case and the trial would proceed independently of the aforesaid observations.

08.04.2026

parveen kumar

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

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