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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH
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Date of decision: 16.04.2026

Randeep Singh @ Bony Petitioner
V/s

State of Punjab ...Respondent

CORAM: HON’BLE MR. JUSTICE JASJIT SINGH BEDI

Present: Mr. Harpinder Singh Jalal, Advocate,
for the petitioner.
Mr. Harkanwar Jeet Singh, AAG, Punjab.

JASJIT SINGH BEDI, J. (Oral)

The prayer in this petition under Section 483 BNSS, 2023 is for the grant of the regular bail to the petitioner in FIR No.142 dated 06.07.2025 under Section 420 IPC registered at Police Station Nehianwala, District Bathinda.

2. As per the prosecution case, the petitioner received an amount of Rs.23,00,000/- on the pretext of sending the complainant’s son, namely Harmandeep Singh to Canada.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. He is not running any immigration firm nor is he employed in any such firm. The case is triable by the Court of a Magistrate. As he is in custody since 15.10.2025 but none of the 16 prosecution witnesses has been examined so far, the Trial is not likely to be concluded anytime soon and therefore, he is entitled to the

concession of bail.



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4. The learned counsel for the State, on the other hand, contends that the allegations levelled against the petitioner are grave in nature, inasmuch as he received a sum of Rs.23,00,000/- to send the complainant's son, Harmandeep Singh, abroad. However, the said person was not sent abroad as promised and therefore, he is not entitled to the concession of bail as prayed for. He, however, concedes that the petitioner is in custody since 15.10.2025, that none of the 16 prosecution witnesses has been examined so far and that the case is triable by the Court of a Magistrate.

5. I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

6. This Court in the case titled as ***Maninder Sharma Vs. State Tax Officer, State, Mobile Wing, Jalandhar, Punjab bearing CRM-M24033-2021(O&M) Decided on 31.08.2022*** has held as under:-

“Therefore, broadly speaking (subject to any statutory restrictions contained in Special Acts), in economic offences involving the IPC or Special Acts or cases triable by Magistrates once the investigation is complete, final report/complaint filed and the triple test is satisfied then denial of bail must be the exception rather than the rule. However, this would not prevent the Court from granting bail even prior to the completion of investigation if the facts so warrant.”

7. The veracity of the prosecution case against the petitioner and his co-accused shall be adjudicated during the course of the Trial. Admittedly, the petitioner is in custody since 15.10.2025 but none of the 16 prosecution witnesses has been examined so far. Therefore, the Trial in the present case is not likely to be concluded anytime soon. The present case is triable by the Court of a Magistrate and no serious apprehension has been



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expressed by the State that the petitioner would abscond from justice, tamper with the evidence or influence witnesses if granted the concession of bail. Therefore, in this situation, the further incarceration of the petitioner is not required.

8. Thus, without commenting upon the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner, namely, Randeep Singh @ Bony is ordered to be released on bail to the satisfaction of the Trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

9. The present petition stands disposed of.

10. The pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of accordingly.

April 16, 2026
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(JASJIT SINGH BEDI)
JUDGE

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