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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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Date of Decision: 10.04.2026

Bakshi

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASJIT SINGH BEDI

Present: Mr. Karan Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Vipul Sherwal, AAG, Haryana.

JASJIT SINGH BEDI, J.

1. The prayer in the present petition under Section 483 BNSS is for grant of regular bail in case bearing FIR No.77 dated 02.03.2026 under Sections 61(1) (A) of Excise Act, registered at Police Station Pundri, District Kaithal.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. The recovery has been planted upon the petitioner. As he is in custody since 02.03.2026, but the investigation has not yet culminated, the Trial of the present case is not likely to be concluded anytime soon and therefore, he is entitled to the concession of bail, moreso, as he is a first time offender.

4. The learned counsel for the State, on the other hand, contends that the allegations levelled against the petitioner are grave inasmuch as a huge quantity of illicit liquor and raw material etc. have been recovered from him. Therefore, he is not entitled to the concession as prayed for. He,



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however, concedes that the petitioner is in custody since 02.03.2026 but the investigation has not yet concluded.

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 in custody since 02.03.2026 and the investigation has not yet culminated. Therefore, the Trial in 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-Bakshi is ordered to be released on bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned CJM/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

8. In addition, the petitioner (or anyone on his behalf) shall prepare an FDR in the sum of Rs.50,000/- 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 petitioner from trial without sufficient cause.

9. The petition stands disposed of.

(JASJIT SINGH BEDI)
JUDGE

April 10, 2026
Vishal

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