

CRM-M-20831-2026
Date of decision: 27.05.2026

...PETITIONER

V/S

...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUBHAS MEHLA

Present: Mr. K.S. Derabassi, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Subhash Godara, Addl. A.G. Punjab.

SUBHAS MEHLA, J. (ORAL)

1. By way of present petition filed under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'the BNSS'), the petitioner is seeking regular bail in the case bearing FIR No.266 dated 31.12.2025 under Sections 308(4) and 351(13) [Sic. 351(3)] of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNS') (Section 111 of BNS added later on), registered at Police Station Beas, District Amritsar.

2. In the present case, the allegations qua the petitioner are that she along with co-accused, namely, Sukhdev Singh @ Sabi used to supply the mobile numbers of businessmen and other rich persons to gangster/main accused Balwinder Singh @ Dony and allegedly supplied the mobile number of the complainant to him.



3. Learned counsel for the petitioner prayed for grant of regular bail to the petitioner on the following grounds: -

- i. Petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case on the basis of secret information and except that no incriminating material has come on record during the investigation regarding her complicity in the alleged offence;
- ii. Co-accused, namely, Sukhdev Singh @ Sabi has already been granted the concession of regular bail by this Court vide order dated 26.05.2026 passed in **CRM-M-15817-2026** titled as '*Sukhdev Singh @ Sabi vs. State of Punjab*';
- iii. Petitioner is in custody since 21.01.2026 i.e. for the last more than 04 months and 05 days;
- iv. Investigation is complete and challan has been presented;
- v. Petitioner is having clean and clear antecedents and is not involved in any other case; and
- vi. Trial will take sufficient time to conclude;

4. Custody certificate of the petitioner, which is dated 26.05.2026, has been filed in the Court today and the same is taken on record. Copy thereof has been supplied to learned counsel for the petitioner.

5. On the other hand, learned State counsel opposed the prayer of the petitioner on the ground that the petitioner passed information to main accused Balwinder Singh @ Dony, who made a call to the complainant demanding ransom. However, learned State counsel fairly admitted the fact that the case of the petitioner is similarly situated with co-accused, namely, Sukhdev Singh @ Sabi, who has been granted the concession of regular bail



by this Court vide order dated 26.05.2026.

6. Heard.

7. Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the present case, this Court finds merit in the present petition for grant of concession of regular bail to the petitioner on the following grounds: -

- i. Petitioner is in custody since 21.01.2026 i.e. for a period of 04 months and 05 days;
- ii. Co-accused, namely, Sukhdev Singh @ Sabi has already been granted the concession of regular bail by this Court vide order dated 26.05.2026 passed in **CRM-M-15817-2026** titled as '*Sukhdev Singh @ Sabi vs. State of Punjab*'.
- iii. Apart from disclosure statement, there is no material available on record to prove the complicity of the petitioner;
- iv. Investigation has been completed and challan stands presented;
- v. Petitioner is having clean and clear antecedents and is not involved in any other case except the present one; and
- vi. Trial will take sufficient time to conclude. No fruitful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner in custody for any further period.

8. Concession of bail cannot be denied just as a measure of punishment as culpability of accused is to be decided after appreciating evidence adduced by both the parties. It is a trite principle of criminal jurisprudence that bail is rule, jail is an exception, this Court deems it a fit case to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioner.

9. Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the



case, the instant petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Chief Judicial Magistrate concerned.

May 27, 2026
Manisha

(SUBHAS MEHLA)
JUDGE

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| (i) | Whether speaking/reasoned | Yes/No |
| (ii) | Whether reportable | Yes/No |