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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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Date of Decision: 30.04.2026

Meenu Rani
... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana
...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASJIT SINGH BEDI

Present: Mr. Shivam Kaushik, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Geeta Rani, AAG, Haryana.

JASJIT SINGH BEDI, J.

The prayer in the present petition under Section 483 BNSS is for the grant of regular bail in case bearing FIR No.02 dated 23.02.2026 under Section 7 of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (challaned under Section 7, 13(1) (B) and Section 13(2) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988) registered at Police Station ACB, Ambala District State Vigilance and Anti Corruption Bureau, Ambala, Haryana.

2. As per the prosecution case, the petitioner-Meenu Rani demanded a bribe of Rs.4,000/- and accepted Rs.2,000/- to release the salary of the complainant.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. The petitioner is a lady, in custody since 23.02.2026 but none out of the 24 prosecution witnesses has been examined so far. Therefore, the Trial of the present case is not likely



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to be concluded anytime soon. Thus, she is entitled to the concession of regular bail.

4. The learned counsel for the State, on the other hand, contends that the allegations levelled against the petitioner are grave inasmuch as she being a Supervisor demanded a bribe of Rs.4,000/- to release the salary of the complainant and was apprehended while accepting Rs.2,000/-. She, however, concedes that the petitioner is in custody since 23.02.2026 but none out of the 24 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 in custody since 23.02.2026 but none out of the 24 prosecution witnesses has been examined so far. 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-Meenu Rani is ordered to be released on bail subject to her 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

April 30, 2026

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Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No

Whether reportable :- Yes/No