



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH
(210-a)

CRM-M-24768-2026 (O & M)
Date of decision:13.05.2026

Raghwinder Singh
.... Petitioner
V/s
State of Haryana
...Respondent

CORAM: HON’BLE MR. JUSTICE JASJIT SINGH BEDI

Present: Ms. Tanu Bedi, Advocate,
with Mr. Vibhu Agnihotri, Advocate and
Mr. Pushp Jain, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Viney Phogat, DAG, Haryana.

JASJIT SINGH BEDI, J. (Oral)

The prayer in the present petition under Section 483 BNSS (Section 439 Cr.P.C) is for the grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.64 dated 10.03.2026 under Sections 303(2) of BNS, 2023 (Section 379 IPC), Sections 32, 33 of the Indian Forest Act (Section 27, 29 of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 and Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 has been added) registered at Police Station Chandimandir, District Panchkula.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. The petitioner is the whistle blower who informed the authorities regarding the illegal felling of the Kher trees. The co-accused on whose statement the petitioner has

been nominated as an accused, namely, Imran @ Manna has been granted



the concession of regular bail vide order dated 11.05.2026 passed by the Court of the Additional Sessions Judge, Panchkula. As the petitioner is a first-time offender, is in custody since 16.03.2026, the challan has not been presented yet, the Trial of the present case is not likely to be concluded anytime soon and therefore, he is entitled to the concession of bail.

3. The learned counsel for the State, on the other hand, contends that the allegations against the petitioner are grave inasmuch as he has facilitated the selling of illegally felled Kher trees. He made a complaint only because he feared being caught. Therefore, he is not entitled to the concession as prayed for. He, however, concedes that a co-accused/Imran @ Manna on whose disclosure statement the petitioner has been nominated as an accused, has been granted the concession of bail by the Court of Additional Sessions Judge vide order dated 11.05.2026 as also the fact that the petitioner is in custody since 16.03.2026 and that the challan is yet to be presented.

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

5. The veracity of the prosecution case against the petitioner and his co-accused shall be adjudicated upon during the course of the Trial. Admittedly, the petitioner is in custody since 16.03.2026 and the challan is yet to be presented. Therefore, the Trial in the present case is not likely to be concluded anytime soon. A co-accused/Imran @ Manna on whose statement the petitioner has been nominated as an accused has already been granted the concession of regular bail. In this situation, the further incarceration of the petitioner is not required.



6. Thus, without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner, namely, Raghwinder Singh 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.
7. This petition stands disposed of.
8. The pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of accordingly.

May 13, 2026
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(JASJIT SINGH BEDI)
JUDGE

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