



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-24450-2026
Date of decision: 06.05.2026

GHANSHAMPetitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJABRespondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present: - Mr. Sukhbir Maandi, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Mohit Kapoor, Senior DAG, Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

1. The instant petition has been filed under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, for the grant of regular bail in case bearing FIR No. 30 dated 14.02.2025, registered under Section(s) 319(2), 318(4), 336(2), 338, 340(2) of BNS, 2023 at Police Station Sadar Kapurthala, District Kapurthala.
2. Learned Counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner contends that the petitioner is 79 years old person and the sole allegation against the petitioner is that he had prepared forged documents for arranging a fake surety for furnishing bail bonds of his son Rajesh @ Chidi. He contends that the petitioner has no other criminal antecedents and has remained in custody

since 24.02.2025. It is submitted that he has already undergone an actual custody of more than 01 year and 03 months and the investigation in the case is complete, however, charges have not been framed so far. It is further submitted that there are 15 witnesses to be examined and thus, the conclusion of trial is likely to take a long time. He also submits that the offence in question are triable by the Court of Magistrate.

3. Learned State Counsel does not dispute the clean antecedents of the petitioner, the custody period as well as the stage of the trial.

4. Having heard learned Counsel appearing on behalf of the respective parties and taking into consideration the age of the petitioner, his clean antecedents, the nature of allegations levelled against him, the period of custody already undergone and the stage of the trial, I deem it appropriate to enlarge the petitioner on regular bail to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

5. The instant petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing requisite bail bond/surety bond to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

6. It is made clear that the petitioner shall not extend any threat and shall not influence any prosecution witnesses in any manner directly or indirectly.

7. The observation made hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression on the merits of the case and the Trial Court shall decide the case on the basis of available material.

MAY 06, 2026
Vishal Sharma

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether Reportable : Yes/No