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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Date of decision: 08.05.2026

RAJINDER SINGH @ RIMPA ..PETITIONER

VS.

STATE OF PUNJAB ..RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUBHAS MEHLA

Present: Mr. Umesh Pandey, Legal Aid Counsel, Advocate
for the petitioner.

SUBHAS MEHLA, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), seeking grant of regular bail in case bearing FIR No.11 dated 08.04.2025, registered under Sections 310(2), 115(2), 126(2), 190, 311, 317(2) of BNS, 2023, at Police Station GRP Sirhind, Rupnagar.



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2. Allegations against the present petitioner are that he along with co-accused, wrongfully restrained the complainant, inflicted injuries upon complainant by pelting stones and snatched his bags.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contended that petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case and prayed for concession of regular bail on following grounds :

(I) petitioner has not been named in FIR.

(ii) petitioner is in custody for last 1 year.

(iii) he is drawing clean and clear antecedent and is not involved in any other case.

(iv) trial will take sufficient time to conclude and no fruitful purpose would be served by keeping them behind bars.

4. Notice of motion.

5. Mr. D.S. Malwani, Additional AG, Punjab, who is present in Court, accepted notice on behalf of respondent-State and, opposed the concession of regular bail to the petitioner while submitting that the present petitioner has looted the complainant and during the investigation, a card has been recovered.



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On query posed by Court as to whether petitioner used the alleged recovered card to withdraw any money, State counsel replied in negative.

6. Heard.

7. Taking into consideration the facts & circumstances of the present case and the rival contentions of the parties, this Court finds merit in the present petition on the following aspects:

(I) the petitioner has been in custody for the last 1 year;

(II) petitioner is having clean and clear antecedents and is not involved in any other case except this one;

(III) trial is likely take sufficient time to conclude and as such, no fruitful purpose would be served by keeping him in custody for indefinite period.

8. Concession of bail cannot be denied just as a measure of punishment as culpability is to be decided by trial Court after appreciating evidence adduced by the parties, and 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 present petition is **allowed**. The petitioner is directed to be released



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on regular bail on his furnishing requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Chief Judicial Magistrate concerned.

10. Nothing observed herein shall be construed as an opinion on the merits of the main case.

May, 08,2026
Poonam Sharma

(SUBHAS MEHLA)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking/Reasoned: YES/NO

Whether Reportable: YES/NO