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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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Date of decision : 08.05.2026

MANISH SHAHID ALIAS MANISH SAHID ALIAS SANJU

... PETITIONER

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

.. RESPONDENT

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.S.GREWAL

Present:- Mr. V.S. Rishi, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Kumar, DAG, Punjab.

H.S. Grewal, J.(Oral)

1. This is the second petition filed under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case arising out of FIR No.147 dated 21.10.2024, under Sections 125, 285, 324 BNS of 2023(later on added under Section 113(2) BNS, 2023), registered at Police Station Haibowal, District Ludhiana.

2. The case of the prosecution is that some unknown persons threw flammable glass bottle (molotov bottle) at the house of the complainant as a result of which his car caught fire.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner, however, submits that the petitioner was not named in the FIR and has been arraigned in this case only on the basis of disclosure statement of co-accused Jaswinder Singh @ Kindi. Besides the disclosure statement, there is no incriminating material against the petitioner which would connect him with the alleged offence. He further

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submits that co-accused Jaswinder Singh @ Kindi, Ravinder Pal Singh and Lovepreet @ Manu have already been granted bail by this Court in CRR-520-2025, CRM-M-40829-2025 & CRM-M-39473-2025 on 04.03.2025, 05.08.2025 & 30.07.2025 respectively (Annexures P-3 to P-5). He also submits that the petitioner is in custody for the last more than 01 year, 05 months and 16 days. He, therefore, prays for release of the petitioner on regular bail as the trial is likely to take a long time as none of the prosecution witnesses has been examined so far.

4. Learned State counsel has filed the custody certificate of the petitioner in Court, which is taken on record. He vehemently opposes the prayer for grant of regular bail to the petitioner. He, upon instructions, submits that the petitioner is in custody for the last more than 01 year, 05 months and 16 days. He, upon instructions, submits that none of the prosecution witnesses has been examined so far.

5. I have heard the learned counsel for the parties and perused the record.

6. In view of the above submissions of learned counsel for the parties and keeping in view the facts that the petitioner is in custody for the last more than 01 year, 05 months and 16 days, co-accused(s) have already been granted bail and that the trial is likely to take a long time to conclude as none of the prosecution witnesses has been examined so far, therefore, this Court deems it appropriate to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioner during the pendency of the trial as the continuous detention of the petitioner would not serve the ends of justice.



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7. 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 bail bonds, surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Chief Judicial Magistrate concerned.

8. However, it is made clear that in case the petitioner misuses the concession of bail, the State/complainant would be at liberty to seek cancellation of his bail.

May 08, 2026
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(H.S.GREWAL)
JUDGE

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