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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

**CRM-22702-2026 IN/AND
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Date of Decision: 21.05.2026**

Harish Chander

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASJIT SINGH BEDI

Present: Mr. Jaivir Yadav, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. Sakeel Ahmad, Advocate
for the applicant/petitioner.

Ms. Geeta Rani, AAG, Haryana.

JASJIT SINGH BEDI, J.

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The application for placing on record the statements u/s 183 BNSS (Section 164 Cr.P.C.) dated 27.02.2026 of Rajbir and Amit as Annexures P3 and P4, is allowed as prayed for subject to all just exceptions. The same are taken on record.

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The prayer in the present petition under Section 483 BNSS is for the grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No.03 dated 26.02.2026 under Section 7, (Section 13(1)B r/w 13(2) added later on) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and Section 308(2) of BNS, 2023

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registered at Police Station-ACB, Gurugram, District-State Vigilance & Anti Corruption Bureau, Haryana.

2. As per the allegations, the petitioner demanded an amount of Rs.1,00,000/- for clearing the bills of the complainant. In furtherance thereof, Rs.90,000/- was allegedly received by him, though, the recovery was purportedly effected from the adjacent room.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. The case is based entirely on documentary evidence. As the petitioner is in custody since 26.02.2026, the report under Section 173 Cr.P.C. (Section 193 BNSS) stands presented but the charge has not been framed so far, the Trial of the present case is not likely to be concluded anytime soon and therefore, the petitioner 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 he demanded Rs.1,00,000/- and was apprehended while accepting Rs.90,000/- and therefore, he is not entitled to the concession as prayed for. She, however, concedes that the petitioner is in custody since 26.02.2026, the report under Section 173 Cr.P.C. (Section 193 BNSS) stands presented but the charge has not been framed 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

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is in custody since 26.02.2026 but the charge has not been framed 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-Harish Chander 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.

8. The petition stands disposed of.

(JASJIT SINGH BEDI)
JUDGE

May 21, 2026

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Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No

Whether reportable :- Yes/No