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

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Date of Decision: 03.07.2026**NARENDER****... Petitioner****Versus****STATE OF HARYANA****...Respondent****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASJIT SINGH BEDI**

Present: Mr. Sandeep Singh Jattan, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Diya Sodhi, Sr. DAG, Haryana.

JASJIT SINGH BEDI, J.

The prayer in the present petition under Section 483 BNSS, 2023 is for the grant of regular bail in case bearing FIR No.145 dated 14.05.2025 (Annexure P-1) registered under Sections 420, 466, 468, 471 and 120-B of IPC, 1860, at Police Station Sector-17, HUDA, Jagadhri, District Yamuna Nagar.

2. As per the allegations, the brother of the petitioner produced a forged death certificate of the petitioner so as to avoid his appearance before the Court in FIR No.221 dated 28.10.2023 under Sections 18(b) and 29 of NDPS Act, Police Station Partap Nagar.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the brother of the petitioner namely Shayal, who produced a forged death certificate of the petitioner, has been granted the concession of bail by this Court vide order dated 30.04.2026 (Annexure P-3). As the petitioner is in custody since

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14.11.2025 but only 02 of the 13 prosecution witnesses have been examined so far, 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. On the other hand, the learned State counsel submits that the petitioner is an accused in two other cases under the NDPS Act. In FIR No.221 dated 28.10.2023 under Sections 18(b) and 29 of NDPS Act, Police Station Partap Nagar, a forged death certificate was produced to show that the petitioner had passed away, though he was very much alive. The nature of the allegations levelled against the petitioner does not entitle him to the concession of bail as prayer for. She, however concedes that the co-accused of the petitioner namely Shayal has been granted the concession of bail by this Court vide order dated 30.04.2026, that the petitioner is in custody since 14.11.2025 but only 02 of the 13 prosecution witnesses have been examined so far.

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 14.11.2025 but only 02 of the 13 prosecution witnesses have been examined so far. Therefore, the Trial of the present case is not likely to be concluded anytime soon. 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 petitioner-Narender S/o Bhagat Singh is ordered to be

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released on bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned CJM/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

7. The petitioner shall appear before the police station concerned on the first Monday of every month till the conclusion of the trial and inform in writing each time that he is not involved in any other crime other than the cases mentioned in this order.

8. In addition, the petitioner (or anyone on his behalf) shall prepare an FDR in the sum of Rs.3,00,000/- and deposit the same with the Trial Court. The same would be liable to be forfeited as per law in case of the absence of the petitioner from trial without sufficient cause.

9. The petition stands disposed of.

03.07.2026

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**(JASJIT SINGH BEDI)
JUDGE**

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