



**In the High Court for the States of Punjab and Haryana
At Chandigarh**

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CRM-M-59532-2025 (O&M)
Date of Decision:- 16.02.2026

Talwinder Singh	...	Petitioner
Versus		
State of Punjab	...	Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUBHAS MEHLA

Present:- Mr. Karan Choudhary, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Subhash Godara, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

SUBHAS MEHLA, J. (Oral)

1. By way of the present petition, the petitioner is seeking regular bail in case bearing FIR No.0145 dated 21.12.2023 under Sections 487 and 420 of Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Division No.3, District Police Commissionerate, Ludhiana.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contended that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. As per contents of the FIR, the parcel is addressed to Vikramjit Singh @ Vicky and not to the name of present petitioner. Except the disclosure statement of co-accused i.e. Ajay Kumar and the petitioner himself, there is no evidence to connect the petitioner in the commission of offence even the recovery has not been effected from the present petitioner as the Sim cards were recovered in a courier parcel. The present petitioner is not involved in any other criminal activity except the present one. He is in custody since 11.07.2025, i.e. for the



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last more than 6 months. Investigation qua the present petitioner has been completed and challan stands presented. Thus, the petitioner deserves to be released on regular bail.

3. Reply dated 09.12.2025 by way of an affidavit of Sh. Anil Kumar Bhanot, PPS, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Central Ludhiana, has been filed by learned State counsel and the same is taken on record.

4. On the other hand, learned State counsel opposed the prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioner by submitting that the petitioner is a member of a gang involved in smuggling of illegally activated Sim cards to Cambodia for monetary purpose. He admitted that investigation qua the petitioner has been completed and the challan has already been presented. Accordingly, learned State counsel prayed for dismissal of the present petition.

5. Heard.

6. Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the case and contentions raised by learned counsel for the petitioner that except the disclosure statement, there is no evidence to connect the present petitioner with the commission of alleged offence, the alleged courier parcel which was seized on account of having Sim cards obtained with the help of forged and fabricated documents was addressed to Vikramjit Singh @ Vicky, but not to the present petitioner; except the disclosure statement, there is no material on file to suggest that the petitioner is involved in any criminal activity; he is in custody since 11.07.2025, i.e. for the last more than 06 months; investigation qua him has already been completed; challan stands presented; offences are triable by Magistrate, trial will take sufficient time to conclude and no fruitful



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purpose would be served by keeping him in custody for any further period, as concession of bail cannot be denied just as a measure of punishment, this Court deems it a fit case to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioner.

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 by the trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Chief Judicial Magistrate concerned on his furnishing requisite bonds and imposing such conditions so that the presence of the petitioner be secured during trial as and when required.

16.02.2026
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(SUBHAS MEHLA)
JUDGE

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