

128 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

2026.PHHC.047316



CRM-M-60784-2025 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 25.03.2026

MOHD. JUNAID

... PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA

... RESPONDENT

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

Present:- Mr. Nitin Bhanwala, Advocate for the petitioner.
Dr. Malvika Singh, D.A.G., Haryana.

H.S. GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner is seeking regular bail under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) in FIR No.71 dated 23.03.2025 registered under Sections 12(1)(B) of Passport Act and Sections 318(4), 336(3), 338, 340 of BNS (Sections 61 and 238(B) of BNS added later on) at Police Station Urban Estate, District Rohtak.

2. The case of the prosecution is that police received a complaint that one Pawan Kumar, who is hard core criminal, had obtained a passport by using forged documents with the intention of fleeing abroad. The allegation against the petitioner is that he facilitated the co-accused in the preparation of such forged documents for the purpose of obtaining the passport.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case and he is in custody for a period of 07 months and 23 days. He further submits that the main accused has already been granted bail by the learned trial Court on 23.09.2025. He, thus, prays for grant of bail to the petitioner.

4. Per contra, learned State counsel has opposed the prayer for grant of regular bail to the petitioner on the ground of gravity of allegations.

She has filed the custody certificate in Court, which is taken on record. As per the custody certificate, the petitioner is in custody for the last 07 months and 23 days. Learned State counsel has further submitted that the petitioner is also involved in 04 other cases.

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

6. The allegations against the petitioner are of serious nature. The petitioner is alleged to have actively facilitated the preparation of forged documents to enable a person involved in a heinous offence to obtain a passport. Such acts strike at the integrity of official identification systems and have wider implications for public safety and national security. The petitioner is also involved in four other cases, two of them are of similar nature, which clearly indicate that he does not have clean antecedents. The contention regarding grant of bail to the main accused does not advance the case of the petitioner, as the role attributed to the petitioner is distinct and has to be considered on its own merits.

7. Considering the seriousness and gravity of the allegations, the criminal antecedents of the petitioner, no ground is made out for granting regular bail to the petitioner.

8. Accordingly, the present petition is dismissed.

9. However, the petitioner shall be at liberty to move a fresh application for bail in case the trial does not make substantial progress.

25.03.2026
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(H.S.GREWAL)
JUDGE

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