

2026:PHHC:009051



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

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CRM-M-60207-2025
Date of Decision: 21.01.2026

VIKRAM

... Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA

... Respondent

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

Present: Mr. H.P.S. Ishar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

H.S. GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

This petition has been filed under Section 483 Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking regular bail for the petitioner in case FIR No.509 dated 16.09.2024 under Sections 420, 406 and 120-B of IPC, Sections 4, 5 and 6 of the Prize Chits and Money Circulation Schemes Banning Act, 1978 and Section 3(2) of the Haryana Protection of Interest of Depositors act, 2013 registered at Police Station City Tohana, District Fatehabad.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner alongwith his co-accused allured the husband of the complainant and induced him to invest in crypto currency on the assurance that his money would be doubled in 200 days. However, the complainant suffered a loss of more than 50 lacs.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is innocent and has been implicated falsely in the present case. He further submits that the petitioner was arrested without notice under Section 41 Cr.P.C./35 BNSS, 2023. It is stated that the complainant has concealed material facts from the Court about the previous complaint filed by her. It is submitted that the petitioner is in custody for the last 05 months and 12 days. It is stated that charges against the petitioner are yet to be framed and as such, the trial of the case might take a long time to conclude.

He submits that although the petitioner is involved in one more case, however, he is on bail in that case.

4. Notice of motion.

5. Mr. Vijay Kumar, AAG, Haryana accepts notice and vehemently opposes the petition for grant of bail on the ground that there is an active role of the petitioner in the commission of the offence in question. Hence, he prays for dismissal of the present petition. Custody certificate filed by the State Counsel is taken on record. As per the said certificate, the petitioner is in custody for the last 05 months and 12 days.

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

7. Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the case and taking into consideration the fact that the petitioner is in custody for the last 05 months and 12 days and that the trial against the petitioner might take a long time to conclude, this Court is of the opinion that the petitioner deserves concession of regular bail. Moreover, bail is rule and jail is exception. Since the continuous incarceration of the petitioner would not serve the ends of justice, this Court deems it fit to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioner during the pendency of the trial.

8. 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/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

9. It is clarified that if while on bail so granted through the instant order, the petitioner is found indulged in any other criminal case/activity, it shall be open to the State to seek cancellation of his bail.

10. Nothing discussed hereinabove shall be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

JANUARY 21, 2026.

Rajender

**(H.S. GREWAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No