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

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Date of decision: 20.01.2026

AJIT KUMAR

....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF U.T., CHANDIGARH

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. Mandeep Singh, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Viren Sibal, Addl. P.P. U.T. Chandigarh.
(through hybrid mode)

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 483 of BNSS for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in FIR No.86 dated 21.07.2025, registered under Sections 308(2), 319(2), 318(4), 336(3), 338, 340(2) and 61(2) of BNS, at Police Station Cyber Crime, District U.T. Chandigarh.

2. Status report by way of affidavit of A. Venkatesh, DSP, Cyber Crime, filed in the Court, is taken on record.

3. Learned counsel contends that the petitioner has been in custody for 5 months and 20 days. He alleges false implication. His name came in the disclosure statement of co-accused, Akash Kumar, who has since been granted bail by this Court, vide order dated 23.12.2025, as also

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co-accused namely, Abhijeet Tiwari, Vipin Kumar and Mohd. Sohali Akhtar Ansari and Saroj Kumar. There is no recovery either of SIM Card or any machine masking effected from the petitioner, as has been affirmed in para no.8 of the status report. Charges were framed on 14.11.2025, however, only 3 PWs have been examined and there are still 15 more to go. He is not involved in any other case.

4. Learned Addl. P.P. opposes the bail on the ground that there are specific allegations levelled against the petitioner by his co-accused. However, he is unable to controvert the submissions with regard to the stage of trial, co-accused having been enlarged on bail and the petitioner being not involved in any other case.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, in particular that the petitioner is in custody for the last 5 months and 20 days; not involved in any other case; co-accused are on bail; charges have been framed on 14.11.2025, however, out of 18 PWs, 3 stand examined; the trial is likely to take a considerable time and further incarceration of the petitioner would be violative of his right enshrined under Article 21 of the Constitution of India, the present petition is allowed.

6. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail, subject to furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned, if not required in any other case and shall abide by the following conditions:-

- (i) The petitioner will not tamper with the evidence during the trial.
- (ii) The petitioner will not pressurize/ intimidate the prosecution witnesses.

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- (iii) The petitioner will appear before the trial Court on each and every date fixed, unless is exempted by a specific order of Court.
- (iv) The petitioner shall not commit an offence similar to the offence of which, he is an accused, or for commission of which he is suspected of.
- (v) The petitioner shall not directly or indirectly coerce, induce, threaten or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him/ her from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer or tamper with the evidence in any manner.
- (vi) The petitioner shall not in any manner misuse his liberty.
- (vii) The petitioner shall furnish his address and mobile number by way of an affidavit to the trial Court and not change the same till conclusion of trial and if for any reasons, he seeks to change either of the aforesaid, it shall be done only with prior information to the learned trial Court.
- (viii) The petitioner shall not leave the country without prior permission of the trial Court.
- (ix) The trial Court/Duty Magistrate may impose any other condition, as deemed appropriate while releasing the petitioner.

7. It is made abundantly clear that in case there is any breach of the aforesaid conditions, the State shall be at liberty to seek cancellation of bail as granted to the petitioner by this order.

8. In view of the above, it is clarified that the observations made herein above are limited for the purpose of present proceedings and would not be construed as any opinion on the merits of the case and the trial would proceed independently of the aforesaid observations.

20.01.2026

parveen kumar

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

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE