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**(116) IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

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Date of Decision: 05.03.2026

Sukhchain Singh @ Channy @ Sukha

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASJIT SINGH BEDI

Present: Mr. B.B.S. Randhawa, Advocate,
for Mr. Manu Loona, Advocate, for the petitioner.

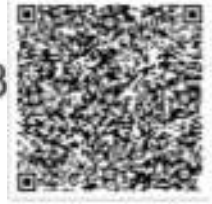
Mr. Harkanwar Jeet Singh, AAG, Punjab.

JASJIT SINGH BEDI, J.

The prayer in the present petition under Section 483 BNSS is for the grant of regular bail in case bearing FIR No.208 dated 13.12.2022 under Sections 457, 380, 413, 411, 201 IPC (Section 201, 411, 413 IPC added later on) registered at Police Station City Jalalabad, District Fazilka.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner contends that petitioner is not named in the FIR. He has been nominated on the basis of the supplementary statement of the complainant. Pursuant to his arrest, no recovery of any stolen article has been effected from him. As he is in custody since 24.12.2022 but none of the 12 prosecution witnesses has 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. The learned counsel for the State, on the other hand, has filed a reply dated 04.03.2026 which is taken on record. While referring to the said

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reply, he contends that, though, the petitioner is named in the supplementary statement and no recovery has been effected from him pursuant to his arrest, however, he is a habitual offender with 02 other cases of a similar nature and one other case of a similar nature in which he stands convicted. Therefore, he is not entitled to the concession of bail. He, however, concedes that the petitioner is in custody since 24.12.2022 and none of the 12 prosecution witnesses has 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 24.12.2022 but none of the 12 prosecution witnesses has been examined so far. Therefore, the Trial in 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 the petitioner-Sukhchain Singh @ Channy @ Sukha is ordered to be 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 case/crime other than the case(s) referred to in the State reply dated 04.03.2026.

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8. In addition, the petitioner (or anyone on his behalf) shall prepare an FDR in the sum of Rs.1,00,000/- 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.

(JASJIT SINGH BEDI)
JUDGE

March 05, 2026
sukhpreet

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