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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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Date of Decision: 16.03.2026

MANOJ KUMAR @ DEEPAK

... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASJIT SINGH BEDI

Present: Mr. Sandipa, Advocate with
Ms. Arti, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Viney Phogat, DAG, Haryana.

Mr. DPS Bajwa, Advocate
for the complainant.

JASJIT SINGH BEDI, J.

The prayer in the present petition under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023 is for the grant of regular bail in case bearing FIR No.208 dated 14.08.2025 registered under Sections 109(1), 115, 118(1), 3(5), 351(2) of BNS, 2023 at Police Station Chhappar, District Yamuna Nagar.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner contends that only simple injuries have been attributed to the petitioner. The injury attracting Section 307 IPC (109 of BNS) has been attributed to co-accused Akshay @ Monu. As the petitioner is in custody since 21.08.2025 but none of the 16 prosecution witnesses has been examined so far, the Trial of the present case

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is not likely to be concluded anytime soon and therefore, he is entitled to the concession of bail.

3. A status report dated 10.03.2026 by way of an affidavit of Rajat Gulia, HPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Yamuna Nagar has been filed on behalf of the State by the learned counsel for the State. The same is taken on record. He along with the learned counsel for the complainant while referring to the reply dated 10.03.2026 contend that all the accused including the petitioner assaulted the injured leading to the registration of the FIR. The nature of the allegations levelled against the petitioner do not entitle him to the concession of bail. They, however, concede that the petitioner has been attributed a simple injury that he is in custody since 21.08.2025 and that none of the 16 of the 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 a first-time offender, in custody since 21.08.2025 but none of the 16 prosecution witnesses has been examined so far. Therefore, the Trial of 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-Manoj Kumar @ Deepak S/o Mehar Chand is ordered to be released on bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds

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and surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned CJM/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

7. The petition stands disposed of.

(JASJIT SINGH BEDI)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No

Whether reportable:- Yes/No