



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-71564-2025 (O&M)

Neeraj Kumar @ Badal

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana

... Respondent

Sr. No.	Particulars	Details
1	The date when the judgment is reserved	19.02.2026
2	The date when the judgment is pronounced	24.02.2026
3	The date when the judgment is uploaded on the website	24.02.2026
4	Whether only operative part of the judgment is pronounced or full judgment is pronounced	Full
5	The delay, if any, of the pronouncement of full judgment, and reasons thereof	Not applicable

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present: Mr. Manoj Kumar Taya, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Varun Gupta, DAG, Haryana.

MANISHA BATRA, J.

1. Prayer in this petition, filed under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No. 61 dated 08.09.2025, registered under Sections 318(4), 319(2) and 61(2) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Section 42(3) of the Telecommunication Act, 2023 at Police Station Cyber Crime, District Kurukshetra.
2. The aforementioned FIR was registered on the basis of a written complaint submitted by complainant Balkishan Attri alleging that

he was made a victim of digital/cyber fraud and a sum of Rs.78,85,000/- was extracted from him on the premise of issuing a credit card of limit of Rs.1 Lakh from State Bank of India and then by extending threats to him to the effect that laundering of huge amount of money was done from his Aadhar Card. Realizing that he had been cheated at the hands of cyber fraudsters, he prayed for taking action in the matter.

3. After registration of the FIR, investigation proceedings were initiated. During investigation, relevant bank records, RTGS transaction details, cheque records and financial documents were obtained from the bank concerned. On 10.09.2025, it was found that an amount of Rs.49,00,000/-, out of the account of the complainant, had been deposited in one bank account operative in the name of a firm named as ARC Movers and Packers, opened in Yes Bank. The name of the account holder of the said account was mentioned as 'Vikram'. The said Vikram was joined into investigation and was arrested. He suffered disclosure statement to the effect that accused Badal (the petitioner), who along with his friend Bachhi and Amit Punia in committing cyber frauds, had come into his contact and had allured him to open a current bank account in lieu of a sum of Rs.2,00,000/- and had also promised him 10% commission on the amount, which was to be transferred in the bank account by way of fraudulent transactions. Out of greed, he had got opened a current bank account in the name of his firm. The said account was used by him and the co-accused. He also admitted that he had received a sum of Rs.85,000/- by way of commission in lieu of providing his bank account. On the basis of his disclosure, the petitioner had been nominated as additional accused. He

was arrested on 26.10.2025. He too suffered disclosure statement to the effect that he was involved in online gaming and committing cyber/digital frauds. He had been convinced by accused Ankit @ Bachhi to join him in the business of committing online frauds and to provide bank account to him. After joining him, he had convinced him to provide his bank account to him. He also disclosed that an amount of Rs.1,20,95,000/- was transferred in the bank account of accused Vikram. The access of this account was with co-accused Ankit @ Bachhi and after giving commission of Rs. 10,000/- to accused Vikram, the amount in the said bank account was got withdrawn by co-accused Ankit @ Bachhi. Subsequently, co-accused Ankit @ Bachhi along with some other co-accused was also arrested. Investigation now stands completed.

4. It is argued by learned counsel for the petitioner that he has been falsely implicated in this case on the basis of the disclosure statement of the above named co-accused, which cannot be considered to be admissible in evidence. He was not the beneficiary of any transaction. His bank account had never been used for the purpose of transfer of money received by committing fraud or the money transferred from the account of the complainant. No incriminating evidence has been collected against him. The mobile, which is alleged to have been recovered from him, has not been connected with the commission of subject offence at all. A tainted investigation has been conducted. The investigating agency has relied upon one screenshot of Whatsapp chat between the co-accused Vikram with another number but the petitioner has no link with that number. No call details record to show his complicity with the co-accused has been

collected by the investigating agency. His antecedents are clean. He is in custody since long. His further incarceration would not serve any useful purpose. It is, therefore, argued that the petition deserves to be allowed.

5. Status report has been filed. Learned State counsel has argued that the allegations against the petitioner are serious in nature. There are Whatsapp chats between the petitioner and co-accused Vikram showing their complicity in the crime. He was identified by one witness Ravinder as the person, who had contacted co-accused Vikram for the purpose of providing his bank account by offering money to him. He was an important link in the entire conspiracy hatched for the purpose of subjecting the victim to cyber fraud. There are chances of the petitioner's absconding or committing similar offences, if extended benefit of bail. It is, thus, urged that the petition is liable to be dismissed.

6. This Court has heard the rival submissions made by learned counsel for the parties.

7. The petitioner is alleged to have been a part of the conspiracy hatched for the purpose of inducing/making the complainant to part with a huge amount of money, firstly on the pretext of issuing a credit card to him and secondly by extending threats to him on the pretext of a money laundering case, having been registered against him. The part, which is alleged to have been played by the petitioner, is that he allured the co-accused Vikram to provide current bank account of his firm ARC Mover and Packers to co-accused Ankit @ Bachhi, so that the same could be used for transfer of the money received from the complainant and for further transfer of the same to different bank accounts by offering some

commission to him. The investigation has also revealed that SIM card, Cheque Book and ATM card of the account opened in the name of co-accused Vikram, was with the petitioner and he had downloaded a messaging application in the mobile phone of co-accused Vikram, due to which, the access of the said phone had been received by co-accused Ankit @ Bachhi also, who had used the same for the purpose of transferring money received by cyber frauds. A mobile phone make 'Nothing' has also been recovered from the petitioner, which was used for the purpose of making contact with co-accused Ankit @ Bachhi through his phone. The allegations levelled against the petitioner prima facie establish his active participation in commission of subject offences. Every day, one comes across instances where the hard-earned money of innocent citizens is siphoned off by organised groups of online fraudsters. Such offences not only cause financial loss to individual victims but also undermine public confidence in the security of digital transactions. Keeping in view the aforesaid facts and circumstances, this Court is of the considered opinion that the petitioner does not deserve to be released on bail, at this stage. Accordingly, the petition is dismissed.

8. It is clarified that the observations made above shall not be construed as an expression of opinion of this Court on the merits of the case and shall not influence the outcome of the trial in any manner.

24.02.2026

Waseem Ansari(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGEWhether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportableYes/No
Yes/No