



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-72253-2025
Date of decision: 05.03.2026

SATISH BHARAT BHAI KHATRIPetitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJABRespondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present: - Mr. Navneet Kumar, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Mohit Kapoor, Senior DAG, Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

1. The instant first petition has been filed under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, for the grant of regular bail in case bearing FIR No. 10 dated 30.04.2024, registered under Section(s) 420, 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Section 66 of the Information Technology Act, 2000 at Police Station Cyber Crime, Phase-4, Mohali.
2. The State Cyber Crime Police Station, District SAS Nagar had received a complaint from complainant Sanjay Bhatia, resident of Darshan Vihar, Mohali on 22.04.2024 wherein it was alleged that he had been allured into investment plans advertised on Facebook by “Viking Global Investment” and joined a WhatsApp group which was published by them.
He was enticed to invest as there was a promise that 600% return will be

given on investment and was also convinced by lectures on stock market trends, analysis and summaries which were also advertised by the Viking Group. Subsequently, the complainant transferred an amount of Rs. 3.5 crores, through multiple transactions into various bank accounts which were given to him through WhatsApp chats. A preliminary enquiry was conducted on the basis whereof FIR was registered against unknown persons at State Cyber Crime Police Station, District SAS Nagar

3. Learned Counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner contends that the petitioner had received a call offering the job of Online Data Entry Operator in the year 2023 and he was contacted by one person namely Suraj Jat resident of Vijaynagar, District Bhilwara. He was thereafter called at an office in Noida for further training and in the name of KYC, his personal details viz. Aadhar Card, Pan Card etc. were taken. The petitioner was told that the said details were required for online verification so that the salary can be credited to the account. Under the said pretext and in good faith, the relevant details were handed over by the petitioner, however, the said accounts, were misused by them and various amounts were credited into the said account and the same were withdrawn. It is contended that the petitioner does not have any criminal antecedents and that he is in custody since 07.07.2025. He contends that the petitioner has thus undergone an actual custody of nearly 07 months. The offences are triable by Court of Magistrate and shall take a long time to conclude. He contends that no recovery of any nature whatsoever has been effected from the petitioner, hence, his continued incarceration in the criminal case is not likely to advance any interest of justice.

4. Learned State Counsel, however, contends that a transaction to

the tune of Rs. 25 lakhs approximately had taken place through the account of the petitioner. He however does not dispute that no recovery has been effected from the petitioner.

5. Having heard learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respective parties and taking into consideration, the allegations against the petitioner, absence of recovery, and the circumstances as indicated by the petitioner, the period of custody already undergone and noticing that it is a magisterial trial, I deem it appropriate to enlarge the petitioner on regular bail to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

6. The instant petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing requisite bail bond/surety bond to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

7. It is made clear that the petitioner shall not extend any threat and shall not influence any prosecution witnesses in any manner directly or indirectly.

8. The observation made hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression on the merits of the case and the Trial Court shall decide the case on the basis of available material.

MARCH 05, 2026

Vishal Sharma

**(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No