

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

2026:PHHC:068185



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Gurmeet Singh @ Gurmeet Singh Sarkaria

...Petitioner

V/s

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Mr. S.S. Gill, Advocate for the petitioner
(Through V.C.).

Mr. Adhiraj Singh, AAG, Punjab.

Ms. Isha Goel, Advocate for the complainant.

SUMEET GOEL, J. (ORAL)

1. Present petition has been filed under Section 483 of BNSS 2023 for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No. 176 dated 05.09.2024 under Section 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 120-B of IPC 1860, registered at Police Station Kamboj, Amritsar Rural District Amritsar.

2. The case set up in the FIR in question (as set out by the petitioner in the present petition) is as follows:-

*“Contents of application No. 1862-PGD dated 12.8.2024, "To
The Senior Superintendent of Police, Amritsar Rural.*

Subject: Application against 1. Ranjit Singh son of Gurmit Singh, resident of Village Jethuwal, District Amritsar; 2. Gurmit Singh son of Harbhajan Singh. resident of Village Jethuwal, District Amritsar; 3. (not known) wife of Ranjit Singh, for committing fraud to the tune of Rs.9.09 Crore, Rs. 45 lac & Rs. 5 Crore, total amounting to Rs.14.45 crore on the pretext of providing land deal. Sir, It is humbly requested that we, Kwaliti Pharmaceutical Ltd., 6th Milestone, Near Village Naag Kalan, Majitha Road, Amritsar, through Ramesh Arora, Managing Director, Kwaliti Pharmaceutical Ltd., Majitha Road, Amritsar, do hereby humbly request as follows:-1.That Kwaliti Pharmaceutical Ltd. is indulged in Drug manufacturing business. In year 2021, our company decided to purchase some land for sake of its business. In this connection, both the said accused told our company that they are having links in Amritsar district and influence in Village Jethuwal, Malluwal and surrounding areas. They further assured to bring single tak (portion) of land to Kwaliti Pharmaceutical Ltd. by getting registered sale deeds in favour of the company. In this connection, the company authorised one Neel Mani Khemka son of Sarwan Kumar, resident of 361-A, Mall Road, Amritsar for entering into an agreement/M.O.U. with Ranjit Singh. The said M.O.U. (Memorandum of Understanding) entered into between said Ranjit Singh & Kwaliti Pharmaceutical Ltd. through Neel Mani Khemka on 28.2.2021. 2. That according to said M.O.U., the said accused agreed to bring land bearing Rectangle No.25//26, 27, 39, 40, 42, 57 measuring 50 acres at Village Jethuwal @ Rs.40 lac per acre and also received a sum of Rs. 9 lac in cash & Rs. 21 lac vide Cheque No.000861 dated 28.9.2021 and got transferred the same amount to their account on same day. Apart from that, the accused got transferred a sum of Rs.9.09 Crore to their account by way of Bank transfer from time to time. Similarly, accused No. 2, in connivance with accused No. 1, entered into an agreement to sell with company on 10.11.2021 in connection with land measuring 108 Kanal 7 Marla. In this connection, said Gurmit Singh got transferred a sum of Rs. 45 lac. In this connection, accused No. 1 Ranjit Singh issued two Post-dated cheques, bearing Cheque No.007520 dated 24.9.2022 for Rs.8,85,58,500/-, payable at

Axis Bank and Cheque No. 007516 dated 26.9.2022 for Rs. 5 Crore, payable at Axis Bank, in favour of Kwaliti Pharmaceutical Ltd. 4. That no land purchased in the name of company by both the said accused, rather they grabbed money, paid by the company and fled away. The cheques, issued by said accused, presented by the company in its account, on which, the same dishonoured on account of insufficient balance. On this, a court case filed by the company, however accused Ranjit Singh didn't come present before Ld.Court. On this, accused Ranjit Singh is declared Proclaimed offender by Ld. Court of Smt. Neelam, J.M.I.C. on 12.6.2024. 5. That whenever the company transferred funds to account of said accused, said accused Ranjit Singh kept on transferring the funds to account of his wife as well as that of Nakash Film Production Company. Later, it came to know that said accused Ranjit Singh has invested huge amount in said Nakash Film Production Company and he has become Producer of Punjabi Film 'Cheta Singh'. 6. That the said accused, in connivance with each other, have grabbed the funds of company and are hiding themselves. It is, therefore, humbly requested that in view of above noted facts & circumstances, an F.I.R. for committing fraud may be registered against all the said three accused and due legal action may be taken in the matter. We will be thankful to you. Sd/ Kwaliti Pharmaceutical Ltd., 6th Milestone, Near Village Naag Kalan, Majitha Road, Amritsar, through its authorized signatory Sunny Kumar, Mobile No.98140 52314.”

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner is in custody since 06.08.2025. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner has further submitted the FIR in question essentially has civil overtones. Learned counsel has further argued that the MOU in question which forms the crux of the matter was signed by son of the petitioner and not the petitioner. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner has further argued that *challan* already stands presented and culmination of trial will take long. Learned counsel appearing for the

petitioner has further submitted that the petitioner is a man with clean antecedents. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner has further submitted that the trial emanating from the FIR in question is a magisterial one. Thus, regular bail is prayed for.

4. Learned State counsel while raising submissions in tandem with the status report dated 16.4.2026 has opposed the grant of bail to the petitioner by arguing that the allegations raised are serious in nature and, thus, the petitioner does not deserve the concession of regular bail. Learned State counsel seeks to place on record custody certificate dated 03.05.2026 in Court, which is taken on record.

4.1 Learned counsel for the complainant while raising submissions in tandem with the reply dated 17.04.2026 filed on behalf of the complainant has vehemently opposed the grant of regular bail to the petitioner by arguing that allegations raised against the petitioner are serious in nature. She has urged that the other family member(s) of the petitioner are absconding from the process of law and the petitioner is also likely to flee from the process of law, in case he is extended the concession of regular bail. Thus, dismissal of the petition in hand is entreated for.

5. I have heard counsel for the parties and have gone through the available records of the case.

6. The petitioner was arrested on 6.8.2025 whereinafter investigation was carried out and challan was presented on 3.11.2025. Total 13 prosecution have been cited and charges are yet to be framed. It is, thus, indubitable that conclusion of trial will take long time. Further, it is also not in dispute before this Court that trial emanating from the FIR in

question is a Magisterial one. The rival contentions of the learned counsel for the parties; as to the whether the petitioner has been falsely implicated into the FIR, shall be gone into during the course of trial. This Court does not deem it appropriate to delve deep into these rival contentions, at this stage lest it may prejudice the rights of either of the parties. Nothing tangible has been brought forward to indicate the likelihood of the petitioner absconding from the process of justice or interfering with the remaining prosecution evidence.

7. As per the custody certificate dated 3.5.2026 filed by the learned State counsel, the petitioner has suffered incarceration for 8 months & 25 days and is not shown to be involved any other FIR.

Suffice to say, the further detention of the petitioner in custody is not required in the facts and circumstances of the case.

8. In view of above, the petition in hand is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned concerned CJM/Duty Magistrate. However, in addition to conditions that may be imposed by the concerned CJM/Duty Magistrate, the petitioner shall remain bound by the following conditions:-

- (i) The petitioner shall not mis-use the liberty granted.
- (ii) The petitioner shall not tamper with any evidence, oral or documentary, during the trial.
- (iii) The petitioner shall not absent himself on any date before the trial.
- (iv) The petitioner shall not commit any offence while on bail.

- (v) The petitioner shall deposit his passport, if any, with the trial Court.
 - (vi) The petitioner shall give his cell phone number to the Investigating Officer/SHO of concerned Police Station and shall not change his cell-phone number without prior permission of the trial Court/Illaqa Magistrate.
 - (vii) The petitioner shall not in any manner try to delay the trial.
9. In case of breach of any of the aforesaid conditions and those which may be imposed by concerned CJM/Duty Magistrate as directed hereinabove or upon showing any other sufficient cause, the State/complainant shall be at liberty to move cancellation of bail of the petitioner.
10. Ordered accordingly.
11. Nothing said hereinabove shall be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.
12. Since the main case has been decided, pending miscellaneous application, if any, shall also stands disposed off.

(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

May 04, 2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No