



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

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CRM-M-346-2026
Date of decision: 11.02.2026

WARIS ALI

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

U.T CHANDIGARH

.....Respondent

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

Present: - Mr. Rajinder Pandey, Advocate and
Mr. Budhadev Maity, Advocate and
Mr. Ashutosh Bhardwaj, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Manish Bansal, Addl. Public Prosecutor
for respondent-U.T. Chandigarh.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

1. The instant 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. 48 dated 26.04.2025, registered under Section(s) 319(2), 318(4), 336(3), 338, 340(2), 61(2) of the BNS, 2023 at Cyber Crime Police Station, Chandigarh.

2. The FIR in the present case has been registered on the statement of Shukla Mahajan, resident of # 1763/2, Sector-39-B, Chandigarh. The relevant part of the same reads thus:-

"..... I reside at the above address along with my family and I am a housewife. On 28-02-2025, when I was at my home, I received a message on my mobile number 8054028795 stating that Rs. 2,00,000 had been debited from your account. Thereafter, I received an OTP, whereas at that time there were ₹4,493 in my account. Therefore, I thought that the message had come on its own. After some time, a message again came that Rs. 2,00,000 had been debited from your account. My husband and I immediately started going to the bank. While going to the bank, I again received two OTPs of Rs. 2,00,000 each and the money got debited. When we reached the bank and were just telling the bank manager, another Rs. 2,00,000 was debited after the OTP came. After withdrawal of Rs. 8,00,000, the bank froze the account, due to which the remaining money was saved. This money was withdrawn from my Fixed Deposit of Rs. 12,00,000, which was to mature in the year 2026, whereas this money was withdrawn earlier by breaking the FD. Then we made a complaint in Cyber. Kindly get my money recovered and take action against the persons who committed fraud."

3. Learned Counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner contends that the petitioner is in custody since 09.07.2025.

4. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor, on instructions from ASI Manjeet Singh, submits that there are total 09 witnesses cited by the prosecution and only 02 witnesses are left to be examined, and the case is now fixed before the trial Court on 24.02.2026 for recording of the remaining prosecution evidence. He contends that the prosecution shall conclude its evidence either on the said date or in any case within a period of two months of the date next fixed before the trial Court.

5. I have heard learned counsel appearing on behalf of the

respective parties and taking into consideration that the evidence has been substantially concluded, I am of the opinion that no grounds are made out for grant of a regular bail to the petitioner at this stage. The present petition is accordingly disposed of with a direction to the trial Court to conclude the remaining prosecution evidence on the next date of hearing and in any case not later than two months from the date next fixed before the trial Court for recording of the prosecution evidence.

FEBRUARY 11, 2026
Vishal Sharma

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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