



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Date of decision: 09.04.2026

- (1) CRM-M-73324-2025 (O&M)
SATPAL SINGH V/S STATE OF PUNJAB
- (2) CRM-M-73816-2025 (O&M)
SATPAL SINGH V/S STATE OF PUNJAB
- (3) CRM-M-73866-2025 (O&M)
SATPAL SINGH V/S STATE OF PUNJAB
- (4) CRM-M-73867-2025 (O&M)
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- (5) CRM-M-149-2026 (O&M)
SATPAL SINGH V/S STATE OF PUNJAB

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. P.S. Ahluwalia, Sr. Advocate with
Ms. Simerpreet Sekhon, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr. Manipal Singh Atwal, DAG Punjab

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)

1. These petitions are filed by the same petitioner, involving similar allegations and therefore, are being disposed of together by this common order.
2. In the above-mentioned cases, the petitioner is seeking regular bail, by virtue of present petitions filed under Section 483 BNSS in the following FIRs:-

Sr. No.	FIR No.	under Sections	Police Station
1.	124 dated 03.09.2025	316(5) BNS & 13 of PC Act	Satnampura, Phagwara, District Kapurthala
2.	0230 dated 28.09.2025	316(5) BNS & 13 of PC Act	City Phagwara, District Kapurthala
3.	0070 dated 12.09.2025	316(5) BNS & 13 of PC Act	Rawalpindi, Phagwara, District Kapurthala
4.	0103 dated 12.09.2025	316(5) BNS & 13 of PC Act	Sadar Phagwara, District Kapurthala
5.	0095 dated 01.09.2025	316(5) BNS & 13 of PC Act	Sadar Phagwara, District Kapurthala



3. Learned counsel contends that the petitioner has been in custody for more than 4 ½ months. The allegations against him are that while he was incharge of 5 godowns, a loss of wheat/rice took place and for which lapse, departmental proceedings were initiated, wherein the District Manager, who is the complainant in these FIRs, has been suspended. Challan presented on 16.02.2026 and charges have been framed on 04.04.2026; 24.03.2026; 02.04.2026; 06.04.2026 & 23.03.2026 respectively and in all there are 17 to 34 prosecution witnesses in these FIRs.

4. The custody certificates dated 08.04.2026, filed by the learned State counsel are taken on record. As per the same, the petitioner is behind bars for 4 months and 18/19/21/24 days respectively.

5. Learned State counsel opposes the bail on the ground that the petitioner has misappropriated an huge amount and he was arrested at the airport, while trying to flee. However, he is unable to controvert the submissions with regard to stage.

6. Heard.

7. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, in particular that the petitioner is in custody for the last 4 months and 18/19/21/24 days respectively; challan stands presented on 16.02.2026; charges stand framed, however, the prosecution evidence is yet to commence, the trial is likely to take a considerable time, further incarceration of the petitioner would be violative of his right enshrined under Article 21 of the Constitution of India, the present petitions are allowed.

8. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail, subject to furnishing bail/surety bonds along with two heavy sureties to the satisfaction of



trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned, if not required in any other case and shall abide by the following conditions:-

- (i) The petitioner will not tamper with the evidence during the trial.
- (ii) The petitioner will not pressurize/ intimidate the prosecution witnesses.
- (iii) The petitioner will appear before the trial Court on each and every date fixed, unless is exempted by a specific order of Court.
- (iv) The petitioner shall not commit an offence similar to the offence of which, he is an accused, or for commission of which he is suspected of.
- (v) The petitioner shall not directly or indirectly coerce, induce, threaten or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him/ her from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer or tamper with the evidence in any manner.
- (vi) The petitioner shall not in any manner misuse his liberty.
- (vii) The petitioner shall furnish his address and mobile number by way of an affidavit to the trial Court and not change the same till conclusion of trial and if for any reasons, he seeks to change either of the aforesaid, it shall be done only with prior information to the learned trial Court.
- (viii) The petitioner shall surrender his passport, if not done already and shall not leave the country without prior permission of the trial Court.
- (ix) The trial Court/Duty Magistrate may impose any other condition, as deemed appropriate while releasing the petitioner.

9. It is made abundantly clear that in case there is any breach of the aforesaid conditions, the State shall be at liberty to seek cancellation of bail as granted to the petitioner by this order.

10. In view of the above, it is clarified that the observations made herein above are limited for the purpose of present proceedings and would not be construed as any opinion on the merits of the case and the trial would

proceed independently of the aforesaid observations.

11. A photocopy of this order be placed on the file of connected case.

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

09.04.2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes / No
Whether reportable : Yes / No