



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH.**

CRM-M-47348-2025

Date of Decision:-02.09.2025

Manoj Kumar.

.....Petitioner.

Vs.

State of Haryana.

.....Respondent.

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASJIT SINGH BEDI

Present:- Mr. Ashok Paul Batra, Advocate for the Petitioner.

Mr. Aditya Pal Singh, AAG Haryana.

JASJIT SINGH BEDI, J.(ORAL)

The Prayer in this petition under Section 483 BNSS is for grant of the grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.0019 dated 09.06.2025 under Sections 7, 13 (1)(b) r/w 13(2) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and Section 308(2) of the BNS, 2023 registered at Police Station ACB, Ambala, District Ambala.

2. The present FIR came to be registered at the instance of Manjit Singh and reads as under:-

“ To

Inpsector Sahib

Vigilance Department

Sir,

Manjit Singh son of late Shri Iqbal Singh, resident of House No. 161, near Gurudwara Sant Prem Singh, Barara, District Ambala. A Government depot is in the name of my wife Smt. Gurpreet Kaur, of which I am the nominee. Manoj Kumar, Sub-



Inspector, posted at the Department of Food and Supplies, Barara, under whose jurisdiction all depots of Barara area fall, met me in his office a few days ago and under pressure, took from me an amount of Rs. 10,000/-. On 04.06.2025, Manoj Kumar called me and asked me to meet him. When I met Manoj Kumar, he demanded from me Rs. 6,600/- as depot commission, and Rs. 20,000/- for higher officers, saying that you should give me Rs. 26,000/-. I earnestly requested Manoj Kumar, Sub-Inspector, but he kept pressurizing me. Later, the matter was settled at Rs. 21,000/- and I had told him that I would give this bribe commission amount later.

Today, Manoj Kumar, Sub-Inspector, has called me to hand over this bribe amount of Rs. 21,000/- I do not want to give this bribe amount to Manoj Kumar and I want him to be caught red-handed. I have also recorded the conversation between me and Manoj Kumar regarding this bribe demand, which I will present before you later.

It is my request that legal action be taken against Manoj Kumar. Along with my complaint, I have presented before you 42 currency notes of Rs. 500/- denomination, totalling Rs. 21,000/-.

Sd/ Manjit Singh."

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. No recovery has been effected from his person. The recovery of money has been shown from the trees near the wall of Bansal Palace. As the petitioner is in custody since 09.06.2025, but none of the 24 prosecution witnesses has been examined so far, the trial of the present case is not likely to be concluded anytime soon and therefore, he is entitled to the concession of bail.

4. The learned counsel for the State on the other hand contends that the allegations levelled against the petitioner are grave and, therefore, he is not entitled to the concession as prayed for. He however concedes that the petitioner is in custody since 09.06.2025 and that none of the 24 PWs has been examined so far.



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5. I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.
6. The veracity of the prosecution case against the petitioner and his co-accused shall be adjudicated upon during the course of the trial. Admittedly, the petitioner is stated to be in custody since 09.06.2025 and none of the 24 prosecution witnesses has been examined so far. Therefore, the Trial of the present case is not likely to be concluded anytime soon. In this situation, his further incarceration is not required.
7. Thus without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner-**Manoj Kumar** son of Sh. Vas Dev is ordered to be released on bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned CJM/Duty Magistrate, concerned.
8. The petition stand disposed of.

(JASJIT SINGH BEDI)
JUDGE

September 02, 2025

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<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>