



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

**CRM-M-24992-2025**

**Date of Decision:15.07.2025**

Manjit Singh @ Bunty ..Petitioner

vs.

State of Punjab ...Respondent

**Coram : Hon'ble Mr. Justice N.S.Shekhawat**

Present : Mr. Munish Garg, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. M.S. Bajwa, DAG, Punjab.

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**N.S.Shekhawat J. (Oral)**

1. The petitioner has filed the present petition under Section 483 of B.N.S with a prayer to grant regular bail to him in case FIR No.55, dated 29.05.2018, registered under Sections 379,411,420,467,468,471 and 120-B of IPC, Section 473 of IPC added later on, Police Station Tapa, District Barnala (Annexure P-1).

2. The FIR in the present case was registered on the basis of the statement made by Gurbachan Singh ASI and the same has been reproduced below:-

*“Copy of ruqa. SHO, Police Station, Tapa. Today, I ASI along with HC Nayab Singh No.576, HC Harish Kumar NO.883, HC Balkaran Singh No.837, constable Harjinder Singh No.864, constable Ramandeep Singh No.292, and constable Gursharandeep Singh No.577 were patrolling on govt. vehicle bearing registration number PB12G-9068 driven by constable Lakhwinder Singh No.814 in connection with the patrolling for checking the suspicion persons and were present at Taje Chowk*

*Tapa, then it was around 7:30 PM that my special informant informed that Hardeep Singh alias Baba son of Nachhatar Singh resident of Goneana Mandi district Bathinda, Manjit Singh alias Bunty son of Pappi Singh caste Majbi Sikh resident of Kotfatta, Surmukh Singh resident of Bathinda and Sonu Kumar son of Babu Kumar caste Ramdasia Sikh, resident of Malout, have formed a gang with his friends who bring the cars from Punjab or outer states by stealing them and by tampering with their documents and by removing the fake HP are cheating the innocent persons by taking huge amount of money from them. Today, also this gang are having one stolen white innova car bearing No. HR-55-T-8947 and one Verna car and are coming to sell the car in City Barnala. If their searched by lading barricading at Ghadial Chowk, Tapa, then they can be caught along with the stolen vehicles and other stolen vehicles of different brands can be recovered. The information is sure and credible, therefore Hardeep Singh alias Baba, Surmukh Singh, Manjit Singh alias Bunty and Sonu above said etc. by stealing the vehicle etc. by tampering with their documents and deducting fake HP of the financed vehicle by deceiving the innocent people by taking huge amount of money have committed an offence under Sections 379, 411, 420, 467, 468, 471, 120B IPC. So, a ruqa has been sent for registration of the FIRI of the above said offences through head constable Harjinder Singh 864 police station Tapa. By registering the case, the number should be informed about the case. I along with my companions are leaving for Naka Bandi at Ghareila Chowk Tapa Sd/- Gurbachan Singh ASI CIA Barnala dated 29.5.18”.*

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been involved in the present case only on the basis of suspicion. He further submits that earlier petitioner was declared as a proclaimed offender on two occasions, but he is in custody since 06.01.2025. The challan has already been

presented against him and the prosecution has been able to examine only 03 witnesses and the conclusion of the trial may take quite a considerable time. He further submits that the petitioner shall appear on each and every date of hearing, before the Trial Court and shall not absent himself during the Court proceedings.

4. On the other hand, learned State counsel has vehemently opposed the prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioner on the ground that 03 more cases were ordered to be registered against the present petitioner and on earlier occasions, he was declared as a proclaimed person and he may again abscond from the process of law.

5. I have heard the learned counsel for the parties and perused the record carefully.

6. In the present case, the petitioner is stated to be in custody for the last about six months and the prosecution has been able to examine only three witnesses so far. Moreover, the apprehension expressed by learned State counsel can be addressed by imposing stringent conditions on the petitioner while granting him concession of bail in the present case.

7. Without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on bail pending trial on his furnishing bail bonds and surety to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court/ Duty Magistrate/Chief Judicial Magistrate subject to the following conditions:-

*(i) The petitioner shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case, so as to dissuade him to disclose such facts to the Court or to any other authority.*

*(ii) The petitioner shall remain present before the Court on the dates fixed for hearing of the case.*

(iii) *The petitioner shall not absent himself from the Court proceedings except on the prior permission of the Court concerned.*

(iv) *The petitioner shall surrender his passport, if any, (if already not surrendered), and in case he is not holder of the same, he shall swear an affidavit to that effect.*

(v) *The petitioner shall also file his affidavit before the concerned Court, mentioning his ordinary place of residence and number of mobile phone, which shall be used by him during the pendency of the trial. In case of change of place of residence/mobile number, he shall share the details with the concerned Court/learned Trial Court.*

(vi) *In case, the petitioner is involved in any other criminal activity, during the pendency of the trial, it shall be viewed seriously.*

(vii) *The concerned Court may insist on two heavy local sureties and may also impose any other condition, in accordance with law, while accepting the bails bonds and surety bonds of the petitioner.*

(viii) *The petitioner shall report on every 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of English calender month to the concerned SHO till the conclusion of the trial and SHO shall mark his presence by making an entry in the Rojnamcha.*

**8.** In case, the petitioner violates any of the conditions mentioned above, it shall be viewed seriously and the concession of bail granted to him shall be liable to be cancelled and the prosecution shall be at liberty to move an application in this regard.

15.07.2025  
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**(N.S.SHEKHAWAT)**  
**JUDGE**

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