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

CRM-M-9336-2025 (O&amp;M)

Reserved on : 04.08.2025

Pronounced on : 07.08.2025

**Sunil Kumar****...Petitioner****Versus****State of Punjab****...Respondent****CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA**

Present:- Mr. Vinay Puri, Advocate  
for the applicant-petitioner.

Ms. Sakshi Bakshi, AAG, Punjab.

**MANISHA BATRA, J.**

1. This petition has been filed by the petitioner under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking regular bail in case bearing FIR No. 120 dated 03.12.2024, registered under Section 308(5), 351(2) and 3(5) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNS') and Section 25 of the Arms Act at Police Station City Nakodar, District Jalandhar.

2. Brief facts of the case relevant for the purpose of disposal of this petition are that the aforementioned FIR was registered on the basis the statement made by complainant Dr. Satnam Singh, who was running a centre in the name of 'Advanced Scanning Center' at Nakodar, alleging therein that on the night of 30.11.2024, he received some calls from unknown number on his cell phone. He did not attend those calls. Some time thereafter, two voice messages were received on Whatsapp and the callers, while proclaiming that they were members of Bambiha gang, demanded cash amount of Rs. 20 Lakhs and otherwise threatened to kill the complainant. As voices of the said

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messages seemed familiar to the complainant, he listened to the same again and again and then realized that those calls were made by the present petitioner and co-accused Gursewak Singh, who had visited his scanning center some days back and had a long chat with him. By alleging that the petitioner and co-accused were the persons, who had made ransom calls to him, the complainant prayed for taking action in the matter. After registration of the FIR, investigation proceedings were initiated. The petitioner and co-accused were arrested on 03.12.2024. They suffered disclosure statements admitting their involvement in the crime. The voice samples of both of them were taken and sent to FSL for examination. Investigation now stands completed.

3. It is argued by learned counsel for the petitioner that he has been falsely implicated in this case. There is inordinate delay in reporting the matter to the police. The allegations against him are vague. The subject offences have not been made out against him. He has clean antecedents. His further incarceration would not serve any useful purpose. Hence, it is urged that the present petition deserves to be allowed and the petitioner deserves to be released on bail.

4. Status report has been filed by the respondent-State. Learned Assistant Advocate General, Punjab has argued that keeping in view the gravity of the allegations, the petitioner is not entitled to get benefit of bail. Therefore, it is urged that the petition is liable to be dismissed.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties at considerable length and have also gone through the material placed on record very carefully.

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6. The petitioner is alleged to have made ransom calls to the complainant by showing that he was a member of Bambiha gang, who is a notorious gangster operating internationally, and had made attempt to extort ransom money from the complainant by extending threats to kill him otherwise. The voice samples of the petitioner have been sent to FSL and the report thereof is still awaited. The petitioner is in custody since 03.12.2024. He has clean antecedents. The trial would take considerable time to conclude. Keeping in view the aforesaid facts and circumstances, I am of the considered opinion that no useful purpose would be served by keeping him in custody anymore. Accordingly, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail, subject to his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned. This order shall also be subject to the following conditions:-

(i) That 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/her from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any Police Officer.

(ii) He shall not visit the vicinity of the area where the complainant is ordinarily residing.

(iii) He shall not try to contact the complainant.

(iii) He shall not commit any similar offence while on bail.

7. In case of violation of any of the above conditions, the jurisdictional Court shall be empowered to consider the application for cancellation, if any, and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law.

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8. It is made clear that any observation made herein above is only for the purpose of deciding the present petition and the same shall have no bearing on the merits of the case.

**07.08.2025**

*Waseem Ansari*

**(MANISHA BATRA)  
JUDGE**

*Whether speaking/reasoned*

*Yes/No*

*Whether reportable*

*Yes/No*