

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH****CRM-M-23741-2025 (O & M)****Date of decision: 08.05.2025**

Simarjit Singh @ Simma

.... Petitioner

V/s

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASJIT SINGH BEDIPresent: Mr. Sukhcharan Singh Gill, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sahil Chowdhary, AAG, Punjab.

JASJIT SINGH BEDI, J. (Oral)

The prayer in the present petition under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (BNSS) is for the grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.55 dated 10.04.2024 under Sections 419, 420, 120-B, 465, 467, 468 and 471 IPC registered at Police Station Sadar Hoshiarpur, District Hoshiarpur.

2. The brief facts of the case are that a tip-off was received by the police party that the petitioner alongwith his co-accused used to attest fake bail/surety bonds, Aadhar Cards, Identity Cards and *Jamabandis* and if a raided, they could be nabbed. The police party raided the disclosed place and apprehended the petitioner and his co-accused alongwith fake documents.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner is in custody since 15.04.2024, the investigation stands completed but none of the 11 prosecution witnesses have been examined so far. Co-accused Amandeep Singh @ Micky has been granted the concession of bail by this Court vide order dated 05.03.2025 (Annexure P-3) whereas another co-accused, namely, Harpreet Singh @ Sunny had been granted the



concession of interim bail by this Court vide order dated 21.04.2025 (Annexure P-4). As the petitioner is similarly situated, he too is entitled to the concession of bail.

4. The learned counsel for the State, on the other hand, contends that the allegations against the petitioner and his co-accused are grave and therefore, he is not entitled to the concession as prayed for. He, however, concedes that the petitioner is in custody since 15.04.2024, that none of the 11 prosecution witnesses have been examined so far and that two co-accused had been granted the concession of either regular bail or interim bail.

5. I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

6. Admittedly, the case of the petitioner is triable by the Court of a Magistrate. The petitioner is a first-time offender, in custody since 15.04.2024 but none of the 11 prosecution witnesses have been examined so far. Therefore, the Trial of the present case is not likely to be concluded anytime soon. Two co-accused of the petitioner have been granted the concession of either regular bail or interim bail. In this situation, the further incarceration of the petitioner is not required.

7. Thus, without commenting upon the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner, namely, Simarjit Singh @ Simma is ordered to be released on bail to the satisfaction of the Trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned.

8. The present petition stands disposed of.

(JASJIT SINGH BEDI)
JUDGE

May 08, 2025

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No