



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

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CRM-M-276-2025

Date of decision: 22.05.2025

Shera Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.S. GREWAL

Present : Mr. Amrit Singh Kang, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. M. S. Toor, AAG, Punjab.

H.S. GREWAL, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner is seeking regular bail under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 in FIR No.197 dated 25.07.2022, under Sections 457, 380 IPC, 1860 (Sections 411, 413, 473 IPC, 1860 and Section 27 NDPS Act 1985 added later on), registered at Police Station City Malout, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the case of the prosecution is that petitioner has broken the houses in the locality of Ravidas Nagar, Malout and after breaking the lock of *almirah*, he stole one bag and cash amount along with gold and silver ornaments which were lying there. Learned counsel further submits that present petitioner is in custody since 02.08.2022 and he has undergone a period of 2 years, 9 months and 14 days as of today and out of 18 prosecution witnesses, 2 have been examined. Since the trial is likely to take time, his continuous detention would not serve the ends of justice and as such, he be released on regular bail.



3. Learned State counsel vehemently opposes the prayer for grant of regular bail to the petitioner as he is involved in another similar cases as well. He has filed the custody certificate in Court which is taken on record. As per the custody certificate, the petitioner is in custody for the last 02 years, 9 months and 14 days.

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

5. In view of the above submission of learned counsel(s), and the fact that petitioner is in custody since 2 years, 9 months and 14 days; as of today out of 18 witnesses, 2 have been examined, as such, trial is likely to take time and the continuous detention of the petitioner would not serve the ends of justice. Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the present case, this Court deems it a fit case to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioner during the pendency of the trial.

6. Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing requisite bail bonds with **heavy surety bonds** to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Chief Judicial Magistrate concerned.

7. However, it is made clear that in case the petitioner misuses the concession of bail, the State would be at liberty to seek cancellation of his bail.

(H.S. GREWAL)
JUDGE

22.05.2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes / No
Whether reportable : Yes / No