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AT CHANDIGARH**

**CRM-M-43859-2025  
Date of decision: 19.08.2025**

NAVDEEP PAL SINGH ALIAS NAVI

...Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR**

Present: Mr. Karanjeet Singh Brar, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Gorav Kathuria, DAG Punjab.

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**YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR, J. (Oral)**

1. Petitioner is praying for regular bail in case FIR No.96 dated 20.06.2025, registered at Police Station SGN Dev Thermal Plant, District Bathinda, under Sections 308(4), 351(3), 61(2) of BNS, 2023.

2. The present case was registered on the basis of statement of the complainant-Vijay Kumar Rishi with the allegations that he is having custody of record of Dera Tapp. On 02.06.2025 at about 10:09 P.M., he received threatening call on his mobile phone and on 08.06.2025 at about 10:50 P.M., he again received same call. On 14.06.2025 at about 09:06 P.M., he received a ransom call and the caller threatened him to leave the Dera or in the alternative, to pay Rs.20 Lac. On the registration of the FIR, the petitioner was arrested on 03.07.2025.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. No call regarding demanding



any ransom or extending threat to the complainant was made by him. All the offences are magisterial trial with maximum punishment upto seven years. The investigation and trial will take sufficiently long time to conclude and no useful purpose will be served by keeping the petitioner in custody for any longer period.

4. On the other hand, learned State counsel has opposed the bail application and argued that such type of offences are increasing day by day and in case, he is released on bail, he will threaten the witnesses and prays for dismissal of the bail application.

5. I have heard the submissions made by counsel for the parties.

6. All the offences are magisterial trial with maximum punishment upto 07 years. Petitioner is in custody since 03.07.2025. The investigation and trial will take sufficiently long time to conclude and in these circumstances, no useful purpose will be served by keeping the petitioner in custody anymore.

7. Having regard to the aforesaid factual position, but without commenting anything upon the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail bond and surety bond to the satisfaction of learned Trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned, on usual terms and conditions.

**(YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR)**  
**JUDGE**

**19.08.2025**

Priyanka Thakur

Whether speaking/reasoned :

Yes/No

Whether Reportable :

Yes/No