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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-36193-2025

Date of Decision :14.07.2025

Jagmeet Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA

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

Mr. S.S. Chahal, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab.

TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA, J. (ORAL)

The petition has been filed under Section 482 of BNSS seeking pre-arrest bail to the petitioner in case FIR no.0159 dated 20.04.2025 registered under Sections 61(2) of BNS, 2023 and Section 8 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, at Police Station City Faridkot, District Faridkot.

2. Learned counsel contended that the petitioner alongwith another patient was admitted in the hospital on account of certain injuries on his person. During medico-legal examination, the complainant-doctor found some injuries to be doubtful and informed his seniors for constituting a Medical Examination Board. One of the attendants accompanying the patients tried to bribe the complainant-doctor to procure a favourable MLR. As the complainant resisted and tried to contact the police, they left a brown coloured envelope containing approximately ₹10,000 with the petitioner's name written on it. Learned counsel further contends that there is no direct allegation against the petitioner, and he has nothing to do with the said money. He was not aware about anybody who was trying to bribe the doctor.



3. Learned State counsel on the contrary contends that the contentions made by learned counsel for the petitioner are unbelievable on the face of it. No person would attempt to bribe a doctor to procure MLR unless he was known to the patient.

4. The investigation is at a nascent stage. Looking at the allegation and the seriousness of offence, this Court is not inclined to grant pre-arrest bail to the petitioner as his custodial interrogation is required to establish facts and unravel truth.

5. Dismissed.

July 14, 2025
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(TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA)
JUDGE

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