



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-48989-2025
Date of decision: 15.10.2025

SUNIL KUMAR RAMPetitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJABRespondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present: - Mr. P.K.S. Phoolka, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Mohit Kapoor, Senior DAG, Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

1. The instant petition has been filed under Section 483 of The Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, for the grant of regular bail in case bearing FIR No. 63 dated 28.04.2025, registered under Section(s) 152, of the BNS, 2023 at Police Station Cantt, Bathinda, District Bathinda.

2. The present FIR got registered on the basis of letter received from 15 Engr Regt., c/o 56 APO, whereby it was informed that Shri Sunil Kumar Ram, employed as a Cobbler as part of welfare measures for the troops, was found to be in contact with a suspected Pakistan Intelligence Operative (PIO) between 09 May 2023 and 13 June 2023. On 27 April 2025, at approximately 0900 hours, the petitioner's mobile phone was inspected and his contact with the suspected PIO was discovered. During a detailed scrutiny of the mobile it was found that the petitioner had been sharing



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classified military information and was allegedly seeking monetary benefits in exchange for the same. Subsequently, Shri Sunil Kumar Ram, along with his mobile phone (make Redmi Note 11SE, bearing IMEI Numbers 861721060174280, 861721060174298) was produced before the Police for further inquiry and necessary action in accordance with law.

3. Learned Counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner contends that there neither any incriminating material nor any reference of alleged classified information shared has been placed on record. He contends that as a matter of fact, the telephone conversation of the petitioner is stated to have taken place with Mobile No. 9676821793 between 09.05.2023 to 13.06.2023. He submits that the petitioner was allured by some lady Operator who used to call him 2-3 times everyday but no sensitive material whatsoever was shared by him with the said person. Moreover, there is no incriminating material on the basis whereof it may be assumed that the aforesaid person was further in contact with any other person. He submits that the petitioner is in custody since 28.04.2025. Investigation in the case is already complete and challan stands presented and the charge has not been framed yet and the trial is likely to take a long time to conclude.

4. Counsel for the respondent-State on the other hand contends as per the allegations, he was in contact with a person who is suspected Pakistani Intelligence Operator. He contends that the nature of the classified information allegedly shared by the petitioner is not in his knowledge and the same was not shared with him.



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5. I have heard learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respective parties.

6. In view of the facts noticed above and taking into consideration that neither the details with respect to the suspected Pakistani Intelligence Operator are forthcoming nor the nature of the classified information allegedly shared by the petitioner has been brought to the notice of this Court, hence, there would be arguable issues that would arise for consideration. Moreover, the investigation in this case is already complete and the petitioner has been in custody for more than 05 months and he is not involved in any other criminal case. Thus, I deem it appropriate to enlarge the petitioner on regular bail to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

7. The instant petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing requisite bail bond/surety bond to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

8. It is made clear that the petitioner shall not extend any threat and shall not influence any prosecution witnesses in any manner directly or indirectly.

9. The observation made hereinabove shall not be construed as an expression on the merits of the case and the Trial Court shall decide the case on the basis of available material.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

OCTOBER 15, 2025

Vishal Sharma

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether Reportable : Yes/No