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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Decided on:11.03.2025

Mandeep Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Harsh Chopra, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Mohit Kapoor, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J.

1. The instant petition has been filed under Section 483 of BNSS,2023 for grant of regular bail to the petitioner, in complaint case bearing No. NACT-523-2021, dated 16.12.2021, titled as, '*Dheeraj Sood Vs. Mandeep Singh*', filed by respondent No.2 under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act,1881.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that earlier petitioner has been granted the concession of regular bail by learned trial Court vide order dated 03.09.2022. Thereafter, petitioner could not attend the proceedings on 27.02.2024 and was declared as proclaimed person and later he was arrested on 07.02.2025 and since then he is in custody. Counsel for the petitioner submits that the absence before learned trial Court is not intentional but on account of serious illness of his father, who later passed away on 18.07.2024. To substantiate his



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arguments, learned counsel for the petitioner refers to the medical report and death certificate of his father (Annexure P-4 and P-5). Thus, prays for regular bail .

3. Learned State counsel opposes the request of the petitioner, and submits that petitioner has jumped the bail and willfully remained absent from the proceedings of learned Trial Court and thus, does not deserve any sympathy , therefore, prays for dismissal of the present petition.

4. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and considering the fact of the case, this Court deems it appropriate to consider the plea of the petitioner. Petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in this case, subject to his furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned Trial Court/ Chief Judicial Magistrate/ Illaqa Magistrate/ Duty Magistrate concerned, if not required in any other case.

5. However, this order shall be subject to the payment of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only) as costs, to be deposited by the petitioner in an Old Age Home of the area as may be decided by the learned Trial Court. The Trial Court shall also specify the time frame within which such costs will be required to be deposited, but not more than two weeks, failing which this order would not be of any advantage to the petitioner.

6. The observation made here-in-above shall not be construed as an expression on the merits of the case and the Trial



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Court shall decide the case on the basis of evidence available on record.

7. Petition stands disposed of.

**(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE**

March 11, 2025

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Whether Speaking/Reasoned: **YES/NO**
Whether Reportable: **YES/NO**