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

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Date of Decision:22.05.2025

RAJ KUMAR

...PETITIONER

VS.

STATE OF HARYANA

...RESPONDENT

Coram : Hon'ble Mr. Justice N.S.Shekhawat

Present : Mr. Sparsh Chhiber, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Rajiv Sidhu, DAG, Haryana.

Mr. Ravi Yadav, Advocate
for respondent No.2.

N.S.Shekhawat J. (Oral)

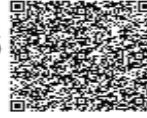
1. The petitioner has filed the present petition under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023 with a prayer to grant regular bail to him in case FIR No.0726 dated 22.11.2023, registered under Section 420 IPC, Police Station Sector-10, Gurugram.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that there was a civil dispute between the parties, which has been legally converted into a criminal offence. The petitioner was arrested in the present case on 09.07.2024 and after completion of investigation, a charge-sheet has been filed on 12.08.2024. He further contends that the petitioner is in custody for the last about 10 months and the complainant/victim has already been examined by the prosecution in the



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present case. Thus, further custody of the petitioner will not serve any useful purpose.

3. On the other hand, learned State counsel assisted by learned counsel for the complainant have vehemently opposed the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner on the ground that the petitioner is involved in 05 more cases and is a habitual offender and he does not deserve the concession of bail by this Court. However, learned counsel do not dispute the fact that the complainant has been examined in the present case and all the offences are triable by the Court of Magistrate.

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

5. No doubt the petitioner is found involved in 05 other criminal cases, but the same is not the ground to deny the concession of bail to the petitioner, specially when he has been able to make out a case for grant of bail in the peculiar facts and circumstances of the present case. Reliance can also be placed in the matter of ***Prabhakar Tewari Vs. State of U.P., and another 2020(1) R.C.R. (Criminal) 831*** in which the Hon'ble Supreme Court has held that the pendency of several criminal cases against the accused cannot be the basis to refuse the prayer of bail. Similar observations have been made by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the matter of ***Maulana Mohd. Amir Rashadi Vs. State of U.P., and another 2012(1) R.C.R. (Criminal) 586***.

6. Still further, the petitioner is stated to be in custody for the last more than 10 months and the trial is not likely to conclude in near future in the present case and further custody of the petitioner will not serve any useful purpose.



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7. Without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on bail pending trial on his furnishing bail bonds and surety to the satisfaction of the concerned trial Court/ Duty Magistrate/Chief Judicial Magistrate subject to the following conditions:-

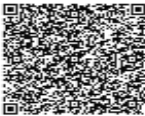
- (i) The petitioner shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case, so as to dissuade him to disclose such facts to the Court or to any other authority.*
- (ii) The petitioner shall remain present before the Court on the dates fixed for hearing of the case.*
- (iii) The petitioner shall not absent himself from the Court proceedings except on the prior permission of the Court concerned.*
- (iv) The petitioner shall surrender his passport, if any, (if already not surrendered), and in case he is not holder of the same, he shall swear an affidavit to that effect.*
- (v) The petitioner shall also file his affidavit before the concerned Court, mentioning his ordinary place of residence and number of mobile phone, which shall be used by him during the pendency of the trial. In case of change of place of residence/mobile number, he shall share the details with the concerned Court/learned Trial Court.*
- (vi) In case, the petitioner is involved in any other criminal activity, during the pendency of the trial, it shall be viewed seriously.*
- (vii) The concerned Court may insist on two heavy local sureties and may also impose any other condition, in accordance with law, while accepting the bails bonds and surety bonds of the petitioner.*

8. In case, the petitioner violates any of the conditions mentioned above, it shall be viewed seriously and the concession of bail granted to him



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shall be liable to be cancelled and the prosecution shall be at liberty to move an application in this regard.

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(N.S. SHEKHAWAT)
JUDGE

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