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**IN THE COURT OF PRASHANT VERMA,
ADDITIONAL SESSIONS JUDGE, SAS NAGAR.
(UID No. PB0236)**

Case Type	Regular Bail Application
CNR Number	PBSA01-008291-2025
CIS Number	BA-3025-2025
Date of Decision	02.09.2025

Ajay, aged 20 years, son of Hukam Singh, resident of Village Surewala,
15 CDR, PO Surewala, District Hanumangarh, Rajasthan.

.....Accused/applicant

Versus

State of Punjab.

.....Respondent

(Bail application under Section 483 of BNSS)

FIR No. 35 dated 17.07.2025
Under Sections 318(4) of BNS and Section 66 of IT Act
Police Station Cyber Crime, District SAS Nagar.
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Present : Sh. AS Arora, Advocate for the applicant/accused
Sh. RS Ahluwalia, Addl. PP for the State
HC Manpreet Singh, Belt no.2371/SAS Nagar alongwith
record

ORDER

1. This order shall decide the application for bail filed on behalf of
the applicant/accused in afore referred FIR.

Prashant Verma, ASJ, SAS Nagar.

2. Notice of the application was issued to the State and police record was also perused.

ABSTRACT OF PROSECUTION STORY:

3. The very pith of the FIR being that on the basis of secret tip off, Flat no. 2548/B, Coin Homes, Gillco Valley was raided by the police officials where four youngsters were apprehended who disclosed their names as Ajay, Harsh Kumar, Ritesh Manjhi and Pankaj Goswami. Thereafter, the police officials carried out raid in flat no.6, Royal Apartment where four other youngsters were apprehended. They disclosed their names as Vaibhav Kumar, Gupreet Singh, Manjeet Singh and Nikhil Kumar. It was disclosed by them that the accused used to swindle innocent persons online by luring them to online games with the assistance of ALLPanel app. Upon the registration of the FIR, investigation commenced.

16 ATM Cards, 06 mobile phones were got recovered from the possession of accused Manjit Singh. 22 ATM Cards, 02 HP laptops, 06 mobile phones, one cheque book and 10 passbooks alongwith Rs.50,000/- were recovered from the possession of accused Pankaj Goswami. 07 ATM Cards, 06 mobile phones and Rs.20,000/- were recovered from possession of Ritesh. 10 ATM Cards, 06 mobile phones and Rs.10,000/- were recovered from the possession of accused Harsh Kumar. 21 ATM Cards, 07 mobile phones and Rs.20,000/- were recovered from possession of accused Ajay. One HP Laptop, 18 ATM Cards and 06 mobile phones alongwith Rs.50,000/- were recovered from accused Vaibhav. Two

Laptops, 20 ATM Cards and 07 mobile phones were recovered from possession of accused Gurpeet Singh. 13 ATM Cards, 07 mobile phones and 70 Sim Cards were recovered from the possession of accused Nikhil Kumar.

ARGUMENTS RAISED BY COUNSEL FOR APPLICANT/ACCUSED

4. Contention of counsel for the applicant/accused is that the applicant/accused is innocent and has been falsely implicated in this case. Besides that, there was no victim of any sort of alleged foul play carried out by the accused and the possession of no such article recovered from the accused was incriminating by itself.

ARGUMENTS OF ADDL. PUBLIC PROSECUTOR

5. Contention of Additional Public Prosecutor is that allegations against the accused are serious in nature. The staggering number of mobile phones, Sim Cards, ATM Cards, recovered from the possession of the accused was indicative of the fact that they were running a huge online racket, the ultimate objective of which was to swindle innocent persons. The investigation was still underway and the entire length and breadth of the sinister operations of the accused was yet to be unearthed. Therefore, applicant/accused is not entitled for grant of regular bail and prayed for dismissal of the bail application.

GUIDING PARAMETERS

Prahlad Singh Bhati v. N.C.T., Delhi, (SC) : Law Finder Doc Id # 11452, 2001(5) BCR 727 : 2001(2) R.C.R.(Criminal) 377; *State*

through C.B.I. v. Amaramani Tripathi, (SC) : Law Finder Doc Id # 85804,2005(34) AIC 1 : 2005(4) R.C.R.(Criminal) 280;

(i) whether there is any prima facie or reasonable ground to believe that the accused had committed the offence; (ii) nature and gravity of the charge; (iii) severity of the punishment in the event of conviction; (iv) danger of accused absconding or fleeing if released on bail; (v) character, behaviour, means, position and standing of the accused; (vi) likelihood of the offence being repeated; (vii) reasonable apprehension of the witnesses being tampered with; and (viii) danger, of course, of justice being thwarted by grant of bail

DISCUSSION:

6. Accused/applicant had been arrested on 17.07.2025. Be that as it may that there is no such specific victim as of now. However, the investigation is still underway and it cannot be said that the investigating agency is groping in the dark. It was informed by the investigating officer that the recovered mobile phones have been sent for forensic analysis. Indeed, the recovery of mobile phones, Sim Cards, ATM Cards, recovered from the possession of the accused was staggering in nature and unnatural by all accounts. Needless to say that as many as 70 Sim Cards had been recovered from the possession of one of the accused, Nikhil Kumar and the sheer possession of such large number of Sim Cards is sufficient enough to strengthen the version of the investigating agency at this prefatory stage. As such, the circumstances are indeed indicative of the fact that accused were running a huge online racket, the ultimate objective of which was to swindle innocent persons. The investigation

was still underway and the entire length and breadth of the sinister operations of the accused was yet to be unearthed. Therefore, just because as of now, there is no victim does not necessarily imply that there is indeed no victim since it is only after retrieving the data from the recovered mobile phones and other electronic devices that the investigating agency would be able to ascertain the identity of the victims and the course of the investigation would take turn accordingly. The possibility of the accused fleeing the process of justice and influencing the potential witnesses cannot be ruled out.

CONCLUSION:

7. As such, it is ultimately concluded that no ground is made out to release the accused on bail. Bail application is **dismissed** accordingly.

8. Needless to say, no observation made in this order will have any bearing upon the merits of the trial. Police record be returned. Bail file be consigned to the record room/annexed with the record.

Pronounced in open Court

Dated: 02.09.2025

Nirmala Adhikari

(Prashant Verma)

Additional Sessions Judge,

SAS Nagar. UID-PB0236

Present : Sh. AS Arora, Advocate for the applicant/accused
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record

Police record produced. Statement of HC Manpreet Singh
recorded. Arguments heard. Through separate order of the even date, the
application is **dismissed**. Police record be returned forthwith, while file be
annexed with the main file/consigned to the Record Room.

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