

**In the court of Sh. Sumit Bhalla,
Additional Sessions Judge / Judge, Special Court,
Ludhiana.
(PB00259)**

BA No. 5754 of 2026
CNR No.PBLD010139752026
Date of Decision: 09.07.2026

State of Punjab

Versus

Pankaj Khurana son of Subhash Khurana, r/o H.No. 547, Sita Nagar, Near
Bus Stand, Ludhiana.

.....Petitioner

FIR No. 186 of 2024
U/s 408, 420, 467, 468, 471, 472, 473,
120-B of IPC,
Police Station Moti Nagar, Ludhiana

**Bail application u/s 483 of BNSS, 2023 for grant of
regular bail.**

Present: Sh. GPS Kahlon , Adv. for petitioner.
Sh. Sachin Thapar, Addl. PP for State.
Sh Vikram Monga, Adv. for the complainant.

ORDER

Seeking release from custody, in a criminal case registered
vide aforementioned FIR, the petitioner has filed present bail petition.

2. Notice of the bail application was given to the Additional
Public Prosecutor, who contested the same. Record was summoned from
the quarter concerned.

3. Brief facts of the case are that the present FIR was registered
at the instance of M/s Patanjali Parivahan Pvt. Ltd., through its authorized
person. The First Information Report was registered against Pankaj
Khurana, Ankush Grover and Jagpreet Singh on the ground that Pankaj

Khurana and Ankush Grover are its employees and were looking after the company's business affairs at Ludhiana while Jagpreet Singh was running a transport company under the name and style of M/s Bharti Trailers, who was providing his services for the transportation of goods of complainant company to various other parts of the country. It is alleged that these accused forged and fabricated various transactions and caused loss of about Rs.3 crores to the company and on coming to know about their fraud, the accused No.1 and 2 have deposited Rs.1,22,66,166/- with the company account. The petitioner was Sales Manager of complainant company, who also took part in criminal conspiracy and received proceeds of crime.

4. Learned Counsel for the petitioner has contended that the petitioner did not received any money from the complainant nor committed any forgery or fraud with the complainant and that he is in custody since 25.04.2026. He has also contended that the main accused namely Jagpreet Singh has been granted bail by the Hon'ble Punjab & Haryana High Court vide order dated 24.03.2026 and that too on the ground that he had returned an amount of Rs. 2,07,61,898/- to the complainant company. He has submitted that return of the amount by Jagpreet Singh to the complainant shows that he was the main culprit, who committed fraud with the complainant company, but the present petitioner is only an employee of the complainant company and had nothing to do with the affairs of the company.

5. Per contra, learned Addl. PP fro the State, assisted by learned counsel for the complainant, has contended that role of the petitioner has been claified by the police after investigation. He has further submitted that te petitioner had approached the Hon'ble High Court by filing anticipatory bail application by way of CRM-M-7883, which was dismissed by the Hon'ble High Court on 23.03.2026. It was argued that as per the investigation, accused Jagpreet Singh had distributed an amount of Rs. 52,11,546/- to the present petitioner out of Rs.4,10,07,997/- and as such, the present petitioner was in active conspiracy with said Jagpreet Singh. She further submitted that the petitioner is not entitled to concession of bail as other accused are yet to be arrested.

6. Police record perused, which shows that the complainant company had moved the application against present petitioner, Ankush Grover and Jagpreet Singh. It is the case of the complainant company that Jagpreet Singh was running a company under the name and style of M/s Bharti Trailors and the complainant used to avail the services of the company run by accused Jagpreet Singh. It is alleged that accused Jagpreet Singh in conspiracy with present petitioner and Ankush Grover, prepared false, forged and fabricated bills of various other companies and extracted an amout of Rs. 04,10,07,997/- from the complainant company through bank account for transport charges. Indisputably, the present petitioner was an employee of the complainant company and it is alleged that he was in active conspiracy with accused Jagpreet Singh. Admittedly, accused Jagpreet Singh has been granted anticipatory bail by the Hon'ble

Punjab & Haryana High Court in CRM-M-38640 of 2025 and he has deposited an amount of Rs. 2,07,61,898/-. The allegations of the complainant are directly against Jagpreet Singh. Connection of the present petitioner with said Jagpreet Singh can only be established by the trial Court after going through the evidence led by the prosecution. The petitioner is admittedly behind the bars since 25.04.2026 and a period of more than 70 days has been expired. Challan is admittedly not presented before the Court, even though, the investigation is stated to have been completed. Presentation of Challan and conclusion of trial may taken its own time. Criminal liability of the petitioner, is subject matter of trial on the basis of evidence adduced. Further detention of the petitioner shall serve on purpose of the prosecution. Hence, without commenting anything on the merits of the case, the bail plea of the petitioner is allowed and he is ordered to be released on his furnishing bail bonds to the tune of **Rs.1,00,000/- with one surety** in the like amount to the satisfaction of the Jurisdictional/Duty Magistrate concerned.

7. However, the petitioner shall adhere to the following conditions during his stay out of the prison:

- 1 The petitioner shall not leave India without prior permission of the Court.
- 2 The petitioner shall not interfere into the investigation in any manner whatsoever.
- 3 The petitioner shall not indulge/involve in similar activities during his bail period.
- 4 The petitioner shall remain present in the Court on each and every date of hearing after presentation of final report till conclusion of the trial.

8. Failure to comply with any of the above said condition would entail cancellation of bail order automatically without any specific order.

9. Bail application stands disposed of. File be consigned to the records after due compilation.

Pronounced in open court:

Dt. 09.07.2026

naresh sharma,
Steno/JW Grade-1.

(SUMIT BHALLA)
ADDL. SESSIONS JUDGE,
LUDHIANA
(UID No.PB0259)