

Bail Matter No. 448/2026
STATE Vs. Arvind Sharma
FIR No. 07/2026
P. S: Crime Branch Chanakyapuri
U/s: 305(b)/316/318(4)/336/338/339/340/3(5)/61(2) BNS

23.03.2026

ORDER :-

1. This order shall dispose of an application for regular bail u/s 483 BNSS (439 CrPC) as filed on behalf of applicant/accused Arvind Sharma.
2. Replies to the said application have already been filed on behalf of the State.
3. I have already heard the arguments and perused the record.
4. Ld. counsel for applicant/accused has submitted that applicant is in custody in this case since 14.01.2026 and is not required for any further investigation. It was stated that the applicant is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the present case. He stated that so far total 13 days Police Custody Remand of applicant was taken by the police and it is an admitted position that applicant is not involved in role of lifting of vehicles. He also submitted that there are no allegations of forgery against the applicant/accused. He submitted that one of the main accused Amandeep Singh has already been admitted to bail in this case by the Sessions Court vide order dated 16.02.2026. He further

submitted that Ld. CJM, North-West District, Rohini Courts, Delhi has already declined to take cognizance of the offences in Criminal Case no. 1887/2026 titled as State v. Damandeep Singh @ Lucky etc vide order dated 18.03.2026 i.e. FIR No. 21454/2025 P.S Crime Branch. He submitted that applicant was earlier arrested in FIR No. 21454/2025 dated 05.08.2025 registered at P.S Maurya Enclave, Crime Branch and thereafter was falsely implicated in the present case on similar allegations. He submitted that applicant is sole bread earner of his family and is permanent resident of Chandigarh, Punjab. It was stated that applicant is also an accused in one another FIR no. 176/2025 U/s 420/467/468/471/473/120B IPC P.S Kotwali, Patiala, however, he has already been admitted to bail in that case vide order dated 15.12.2025 by Ld. Sessions Court of Patiala, Punjab. It was stated that evidence is documentary in nature and no purpose would be served by keeping the applicant in custody. It was stated that the object of the bail is to secure the appearance of the accused during the trial and the object of the bail is neither punitive nor preventive and that bail is not to be withheld as a punishment. He thus prayed that applicant may be admitted to bail in this case.

5. Ld. Addl. PP for State has opposed the bail application submitting that applicant alongwith co-accused persons is an active member of an organized inter-state criminal syndicate which is involved in procuring stolen and loan-default vehicles. He submitted that the syndicate is indulged in tampering with Chasis Numbers, using Chasis Numbers of

total loss/water loss vehicles or numbers of some distant State and obtain fake registrations on the basis of forged sale letters, forged Form-21 and fabricated NOCs with active connivance of the agents and officials of the transport authorities. He stated that thereafter the said vehicles are sold to the innocent purchasers causing wrongful loss to the general public as well as to the financial institutions. He stated that during the investigation of the case, e-FIR No. 021454/2025 P.S Maurya Enclave several stolen vehicles were recovered and among them, two Toyota Fortuner SUVs bearing registration nos. HP-24E-4948 and HP-24E-3974 which had been sold to customers in Delhi were traced. He stated that on verification, it was found that the Chasis numbers of the said vehicles had been tampered with and the vehicles had been registered on the basis of such tampered Chasis Numbers using fake and forged documents which indicated deliberate destruction and manipulation of identification marks to conceal the stolen nature of the vehicles. Thereafter, to unearth the entire conspiracy and to identify all syndicate members, the present separate case was registered. In earlier e-FIR no. 021454/2025 P.S Maurya Enclave, one of the accused Damandeep had disclosed that after finalizing deals for stolen vehicles with auto lifters, he used to instruct the auto lifters to park the stolen vehicles at locations specified by Amandeep (co-accused in the present case). It was stated that thereafter Amandeep used to get the stolen vehicles transported to Jalandhar. It was stated that after tampering with the Chasis Numbers of the stolen vehicles, the vehicles were got registered on the basis of forged

documents. It was stated that accused Damandeep further disclosed that he sold several stolen vehicles with fake registration numbers in Delhi through said Amandeep. He submitted that thereafter, during investigation, accused Amandeep disclosed that he had introduced several persons to Damandeep and Manbir @ Minta @ Baba and facilitated the purchase of stolen vehicles which had been fraudulently registered and for arranging the sale of each vehicle, abovesaid Damandeep and Manbir @ Minta @ Baba used to pay him Rs.50,000/- per vehicle. He also facilitated the transportation of stolen vehicles from Delhi to Jalandhar on the instructions of abovesaid Damandeep and Manbir @ Minta @ Baba. It was stated that accused Amandeep Singh was arrested in the present case on 13.01.2025. During further searches, further vehicles were recovered from various buyers of Delhi. It was stated that permission to interrogate and arrest accused Damandeep Singh and applicant who were lodged in j.c in e-FIR No. 021454/2025 P.S Maurya Enclave was obtained from the court and on 14.01.2026, both of them were interrogated at Tihar Jail. During interrogation, applicant disclosed that he could get arrested the officials of RTO of different states including Subhash Chand, Senior Assistant, Registration & Licencing Authority, Bilaspur and Gaurav Bhardwaj posted at RLA Bilaspur who were also involved in a nexus for fake registration of stolen vehicles using fake and forged documents. It was stated that thereafter police custody remand of accused Damandeep Singh @ Lucky and the present applicant was taken. A team was sent to Bilaspur, Himachal Pradesh with the applicant where abovesaid

Subhash Chand, Senior Assistant, Ex-staff of RTO, Bilaspur was interrogated and seven files of registration of vehicles were seized from him while he was going to keep those files in the Record Room. It was stated that the covers of the said files were new and documents in the said files were found to be photocopies. Out of them, three files belonged to recovered car no. HP-24E-3974 of Nadeem Saifi, HP-24E-4767 registered in the name of Pintoo (recovered from present owner Himanshu) and HP-24E-4948 registered in the name of Manoj Kumar (recovered from present owner Raghav Goel). It was stated that accused Subhash Chand was arrested in this case on 20.01.2026, whereas accused Manbir Singh @ Minta @ Baba was arrested on 25.01.2026. It was stated that during further investigation, other active members of the syndicate, namely, Kanwaljeet Singh @ Jolly and Brij Mohan Kapoor @ Bobby were arrested in this case on 23.02.2026 and 26.02.2026 and further stolen vehicles were recovered. It was stated that during investigation, another accused Pradeep Singh @ Heera was arrested on 18.03.2026 and tools used in tampering of vehicles had been recovered. It was stated that total 24 cars have been recovered in this case so far. Ld. Addl. PP for State submitted that applicant was working as a tout between main accused Damandeep Singh and staff registration and licencing authorities of Bilaspur and Sarkaghat, Himachal Pradesh i.e. Subhash Chand, Gaurav Bhardwaj and Vimal. It was stated that the applicant was helping the main accused Damandeep Singh in registration of stolen /loan-fault vehicles at Bilaspur and Sarkaghat RLAs. He stated that one car no. HP-28C-5606 Toyota

Fortuner having tampered Chasis was recovered at the instance of accused Kanwaljeet Singh @ Jolly and Brij Mohan Kapoor @ Bobby and the said vehicle was found registered in the name of Darshandeep Singh, brother of main accused Damandeep Singh. The said vehicle was registered on 07.11.2025 and accused Damandeep Singh made payment of Rs.2.75 lacs in the firm of applicant. It was further stated that original RC of one Creta Car no. HR-28E-4668 was recovered from the possession of the applicant and same numbers were found on the plates of the Creta Car stolen in e-FIR No. 021454/2025 P.S Maurya Enclave. Photo of the said recovered RC was found in the mobile phone of accused Damandeep Singh which clearly shows that the applicant was an active part of the syndicate. It was stated that one co-accused Subhash Chand i.e. Clerk of RLA was arrested at the instance of the applicant which led to recovery of seven files of vehicle registration having fake documents and 357 tainted vehicles. It was stated that one Gaurav Bhardwaj i.e. a Clerk of RLA Bilaspur is still absconding. It was further stated that the accused had been previously involved in similar cases in Punjab. Ld. Addl. PP for State further submitted that further investigation regarding the syndicate members and to trace the fraudulently registered vehicles is going on. It was further stated that allegations against the applicant are serious in nature. Ld. Addl. PP for State submitted that the role of co-accused Amandeep Singh is very less, different and distinguishable as compared to the applicant herein and the grant of bail to co-accused Amandeep Singh by Ld. Predecessor of bail duty roster does not entitle the applicant to

be released on bail in this case. He submitted that role of co-accused Amandeep Singh was in transportation and selling for which he received Rs.50,000/- per vehicle. He stated that so far only 357 vehicles from only one authority have been verified and various other such type of stolen vehicles are yet to be recovered. He thus prayed that keeping in view the nature and gravity of allegations against the applicant and as investigation is still pending, the present bail application of the applicant may be dismissed.

6. The facts of the case have already been mentioned above in detail during the arguments of Ld. Addl. PP for State and are not being repeated here for the sake of brevity. The applicant is stated to be in custody in this case since 14.01.2026. The applicant is stated to be an active member of an organized inter-state criminal syndicate involved in procuring stolen as well as loan-default vehicles. The modus operandi of said syndicate is that it indulges in tampering with Chasis numbers, using Chasis Numbers of total-loss/water-loss vehicles or numbers of some distant state and obtain fake registrations on the basis of forged sale letters, forged Form 21 and fabricated NOCs with the active connivance of agents and officials of the transport authorities. It is also the case of the prosecution that thereafter such illegally registered vehicles were sold to innocent purchasers causing wrongful loss to the general public as well as the financial institutions. The role of the applicant is that he was working as a tout between main accused Damandeep Singh and staff registration and licensing authorities of

Bilaspur and Sarkaghat Himachal Pradesh. One co-accused Subhash Chand who was a Clerk of RLA was also arrested at the instance of the applicant which led to recovery of seven files of vehicle registration having fake documents and 357 tainted vehicles (having false previous record). As mentioned above, one car no. HP-28C-5606 Toyota Fortuner having tampered Chasis was recovered at the instance of accused Kanwaljeet Singh @ Jolly and Brij Mohan Kapoor @ Bobby which was found registered in the name of Darshandeep Singh, brother of main accused Damandeep Singh and the said accused Damandeep Singh had made a payment of Rs.2.75 lacs in the firm of the applicant. Original RC of Creta No. HP-28E-4668 was also recovered from the possession of the applicant and same numbers were found in the plates of Creta car stolen in e-FIR No. 024154/2025 P.S Maurya Enclave and the photo of the recovered RC was found in the mobile phone of accused Damandeep Singh which would show that the applicant was an active part of the syndicate. Ld. Addl. PP for State has rightly submitted that the role of present applicant is quite distinct and distinguishable from that of co-accused Amandeep Singh whose role was in transportation and sale of stolen vehicles and granting of bail to said co-accused would not help the applicant. The investigation of the case is stated to be pending and it has been submitted that further stolen vehicles are to be recovered. The allegations against the applicant are very serious in nature, co-accused persons are still left to be arrested in this case, further stolen vehicles are yet to be recovered and investigation is said to be still going on in this case. Keeping in view

the totality of facts and circumstances of the case, role of applicant, gravity of offence and as investigation is going on wherein further stolen vehicles are stated to be yet to be recovered and abovesaid discussion, the applicant/accused Arvind Sharma is not entitled to be released on bail at this stage in this case and **his bail application u/s 483 BNSS read with Section 439 CrPC is dismissed accordingly.**

7. The observations as made in this order are only for the disposal of the present bail application and these shall not be any reflection on the merits of the case.
8. **The application is disposed of accordingly.**
9. Copy of this order be given dasti.

(Amit Bansal)
Additional Sessions Judge-02
NDD/PHC/New Delhi
23.03.2026