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

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Date of decision: 23.04.2026

MOHAMMAD TALIB

....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. Akshit Aggarwal, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Manjot Kaur, AAG, Punjab.

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)

1. Prayer in the present petition filed under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023 is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.06 dated 03.02.2026, registered at Police Station Vigilance Bureau Range, Jalandhar, under Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, as amended by PC (Amendment) Act, 2018 and Section 61(2) of the BNS, 2023 (earlier Section 120-B IPC).

2. Learned counsel contends that the petitioner has been in custody for 2 months and 20 days. He alleges false implication. He is a daily wage peon and not a public servant. There is neither any demand nor acceptance of bribe by him. Further that, when the trap was laid, co-accused Mohammad Yasin had forcibly put the money received by him in the pocket of the petitioner. No application for getting voice sample has



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also been filed regarding the petitioner. Charges have been framed on 02.04.2026 however none out of 11 PWs has been examined. He is not involved in any other case.

3. Learned State counsel opposes the bail on the ground that the bribe amount of Rs.18,000/-, was recovered from the pocket of the petitioner. However, she is unable to controvert the submissions with regard to stage of the trial and the petitioner being not involved in any other case.

4. Heard.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, in particular that the petitioner is in custody for the last 2 months and 20 days; not involved in any other case; charges stand framed on 02.04.2026; prosecution evidence has to commence; in all there are 11 PWs; the trial is likely to take a considerable time, further incarceration of the petitioner would be violative of his right enshrined under Article 21 of the Constitution of India, the present petition is allowed.

6. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail, subject to furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of trial Court/Duty Magistrate concerned, if not required in any other case and shall abide by the following conditions:-

- (i) The petitioner will not tamper with the evidence during the trial.
- (ii) The petitioner will not pressurize/ intimidate the prosecution witnesses.



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- (iii) The petitioner will appear before the trial Court on each and every date fixed, unless is exempted by a specific order of Court.
- (iv) The petitioner shall not commit an offence similar to the offence of which, he is an accused, or for commission of which he is suspected of.
- (v) The petitioner shall not directly or indirectly coerce, induce, threaten or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him/ her from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer or tamper with the evidence in any manner.
- (vi) The petitioner shall not in any manner misuse his liberty.
- (vii) The petitioner shall furnish his address and mobile number by way of an affidavit to the trial Court and not change the same till conclusion of trial and if for any reasons, he seeks to change either of the aforesaid, it shall be done only with prior information to the learned trial Court.
- (viii) The petitioner shall not leave the country without prior permission of the trial Court.
- (ix) The trial Court/Duty Magistrate may impose any other condition, as deemed appropriate while releasing the petitioner.

7. It is made abundantly clear that in case there is any breach of the aforesaid conditions, the State shall be at liberty to seek cancellation of bail as granted to the petitioner by this order.

8. In view of the above, it is clarified that the observations made herein above are limited for the purpose of present proceedings and would not be construed as any opinion on the merits of the case and the trial would proceed independently of the aforesaid observations.

23.04.2026

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

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE