



**In the High Court for the States of Punjab and Haryana at
Chandigarh**

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CRM-M-16360-2026 (O&M)

Date of Decision:- 24.04.2026

Vijay Kumar

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUBHAS MEHLA

Present:- Mr. Sumeet S. Brar, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Kumar, DAG, Punjab.

SUBHAS MEHLA, J. (Oral)

1. By way of the present petition, the petitioner is seeking regular bail in FIR No.128 dated 06.07.2025, registered under Sections 140 (3), 308(2), 127(2), 351(2), 3(5) 61(2), 140(2) of BNS, 2023, at Police Station Baghapurana, District Moga, Punjab.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner, along with co-accused, allegedly kidnapped the complainant and gave beatings to him. It is further alleged that they forcibly recorded a video of the complainant with one lady after stripping him half naked and threatened to make the video viral on social media. It is also alleged that a sum of Rs.10 lakhs as ransom was demanded by the accused which was later settled at Rs.4 lakhs.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contended that petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present cases. The petitioner is in custody for the last more than 09 months; he is having clean and clear antecedents and is not involved in any other case. It is further submitted that co-accused, namely, Jaspreet Singh @ Gobhi, Raj Rani and Major Singh have already been



granted regular bail by the Coordinate Bench of this Court vide separate orders of even dated 19.01.2026 passed in CRM-M-56660-2025, CRM-M-47774-2025 and CRM-M-48034-2025, respectively. Hence, learned counsel prayed for concession of bail to the petitioner.

4. Custody certificate dated 23.04.2026 of the petitioner filed by learned State counsel today in Court, is taken on record. As per custody certificate, the petitioner has been behind bars for about 09 Months and 15 days.

5. Learned State counsel upon instructions from ASI Charanjit Singh opposed the prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioner. However, he has not disputed the fact that case of the petitioner is on similar footings as that of co-accused, who have already been released on bail.

6. Heard.

7. Taking into consideration the rival contentions of learned counsel for the parties; petitioner is in custody for the last more than 09 months; he is having clean and clear antecedents and is not involved in any other case; co-accused, namely, Jaspreet Singh @ Gobhi, Raj Rani and Major Singh have already been granted regular bail by the Coordinate Bench of this Court vide separate orders of even dated 19.01.2026 passed in CRM-M-56660-2025, CRM-M-47774-2025 and CRM-M-48034-2025, respectively; trial is likely to take considerable time to conclude, and no fruitful purpose would be served by keeping him in custody for any further period, as concession of bail cannot be denied just as a measure of punishment and it is a trite principle of criminal jurisprudence that bail is rule, jail is an exception, this Court deems it a fit case to grant the concession of regular bail to the petitioner.



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8. Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the instant petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on regular bail on his furnishing requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Duty Magistrate/Chief Judicial Magistrate concerned.

24.04.2026*Geeta***(SUBHAS MEHLA)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking /reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes / No
Yes / No