

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

Date of Decision: 07.03.2025

...Respondent

N.S.Shekhawat J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner has filed the present petition under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 with a prayer to grant anticipatory bail in FIR No.139 dated 23.06.2014 registered under Sections 307, 429 of IPC, Sections 25, 54, 59 of Arms Act and Section 11 D of Prevention of Cruelty to Animal Act, 1960 at Police Station Kunjpura, District Karnal.
2. While granting the concession of interim anticipatory bail on 14.01.2025, this Court had noted the following contentions made by learned counsel for the petitioner:-

“Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the FIR in the present case was registered on 23.06.2014 and the petitioner is sought to be arrested by the police after a period of about 10 years of registration of the FIR. Learned counsel further contends that it has been falsely alleged that the accused in the present case had fired on the police party, because none of the police officials had suffered any injury in the occurrence nor any



fired cartridges were recovered from the place of occurrence. He further contends that the petitioner has been involved in the present case on the basis of the disclosure statement suffered by Sadha, co-accused, however, Sadha, co-accused has already been acquitted by the trial Court on 13.10.2023. Thus, he contends that the custodial interrogation of the petitioner may not be required in the peculiar facts and circumstances of the present case.”

3. After noticing the contentions raised by learned counsel for the petitioner, the petitioner was directed to join the investigation and has been granted the concession of interim anticipatory bail by this Court. However, learned State counsel was also directed to file the latest status report with regard to the investigation of 86 cases, where the investigation was pending for the last more than 03 years.

4. Today, another status report has been filed by way of an affidavit of Superintendent of Police, Karnal and the same is taken on record. Learned State counsel submits that out of total 86 cases, the investigation in 34 cases have been concluded and the final reports under Section 173 Cr.P.C. shall be presented before the competent Court, within a period of two week from today. In the remaining 52 cases, proceedings have been stayed in 18 cases by various Hon'ble Courts and the investigation is pending. In remaining 34 cases, the investigation is pending against 87 accused. Out of 87 accused, 17 accused are residing abroad and the process has been initiated for the issuance of Look Out Circulars against them. Even arrest warrants have been got issued against 23 accused for initiating PO proceedings. He has further assured the Court that to conclude the investigation in remaining 34 cases, special units have been constituted under the supervision of DSP rank officers and the progress of the



cases is being monitored by Superintendent of Police, Karnal, personally. He has further assured the Court that the investigation in these cases shall be conducted in a speedy and time bound manner. In case, any accused is not arrested despite this efforts, PO proceedings shall be initiated against him and efforts will be made to attach the properties of such accused.

5. This Court finds that the Superintendent of Police, Karnal has sufficiently complied with the directions passed by this Court. The Superintendent of Police, Karnal is directed to personally monitor the investigation of the remaining 34 cases, where the investigation is pending for the last more than 03 years. He is also directed to file a status report in the present case after a period of 06 months in this regard, with the Registry of Court.

6. Now, adverting to the facts of the present case, the petitioner is stated to have joined the investigation and is no longer required for the purpose of investigation. Consequently, the interim order dated 14.01.2025, passed by this Court is made absolute. The petitioner shall continue to join investigation, as and when called by the Investigating Officer and shall also abide by the conditions as provided under Section 482(2) of the BNSS.

7. The present petition is disposed off, with the above terms.

(N.S.SHEKHAWAT)
JUDGE

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