



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

CRM-M-3659-2025

Date of Decision: 29.01.2025

Bharat Singh

...Petitioner

vs.

State of Haryana

...Respondent

Coram : **Hon'ble Mr. Justice N.S.Shekhawat**

Present : Mr. Sunil Sihag, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Sheenu Sura, Deputy Advocate General, Haryana.

N.S.Shekhawat J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner has filed the present petition under Section 482 of B.N.S.S with a prayer to grant anticipatory bail to him in a case FIR No. 20, dated 09.08.2023, under Sections 409,418,420,467,468,471,120-B of IPC and under Sections 13(1),(c) and 13(1)(d) of Prevention of Corruption Act, registered at Police Station ACB Hisar, Haryana (Annexure P-1).

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that in the present case, the allegations pertained to the period of 2016-2021 and the enquiry was initiated in the year 2018, whereas, the FIR in the present case has been registered on 09.08.2023. He further contends that now the petitioner and other accused are sought to be arrested by the police under political pressure. Moreover, the case is based on documentary evidence and the same has already been taken into possession by the police. He further contends the total wrongful loss, which was allegedly caused to the State amounted to Rs.2,30,263/- and the same has already been deposited by co-accused, Kalawati before the Court of Area Magistrate/Trial Court. Learned counsel for the petitioner further refers to

the orders (Annexures P-3 to P-5), whereby, Kalawati, Subash Chander and Vinod Kumar have already been granted the concession of anticipatory bail by this Court.

3. A status report by way of an affidavit of Deputy Superintendent of Police Anti Corruption Bureau (H), Hisar has been filed on behalf of respondent-State and the same is taken on record.

4.. On the other hand learned State counsel has vehemently opposed the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner.

5. I have heard the learned counsel for the parties and perused the record carefully.

6. It is not in dispute that the amount of alleged total loss of Rs. Rs.2,30,263/- has already been deposited by Kalwati, Ex-Sarpanch with the Trial Court/Area Magistrate subject to outcome of the trial. Moreover, Kalawati, Subash Chander and Vinod Kumar have already been granted the concession of anticipatory bail by this Court. Thus, the custodial interrogation of the petitioner may not be required in the facts and circumstances of the present case.

7. Thus, without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is granted concession of anticipatory bail, subject to the conditions as provided under Sections 482 (2) of B.N.S.S. It will be open for the Investigating Officer to call the petitioner to join the investigation, if so required, by issuing a written notice in this regard and he shall abide by the conditions mentioned in Section 482 (2) of B.N.S.S.

(N.S.SHEKHAWAT)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

: Yes/No
: Yes/No