



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH
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CRM-M-5900-2025 (O&M)
Date of decision: 03.03.2025

Pritpal Singh
State of Punjab
Versus
....Petitioner
....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: Mr. Gurmej Singh, Advocate
and Mr. Imaan Singh Khara, Advocate
for the petitioner.
Mr. Sandeep Kumar, DAG, Punjab.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR J. (Oral)

1. This petition has been filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') seeking anticipatory
bail to the petitioner in FIR No.3 dated 03.01.2025 under Section 316(5)
of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, registered at Police Station Sadar
Bathinda, District Bathinda.

2. On 03.02.2025, the following order was passed:-

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*Learned counsel for the petitioner, inter alia,
contends that there is a delay of 10 months in registration
of FIR (supra) and no verification was done in the
presence of the petitioner. The petitioner has been made a
scapegoat and his false implication is apparent on record.
The petitioner is having clean antecedents and is not
involved in any other case.*

Notice of motion for 03.03.2025.



Keeping in view the ratio of law enunciated by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Arnesh Kumar Vs. State of Bihar, (2014) 8 SCC 273, Arnab Manoranjan Goswami Vs. State of Maharashtra, (2021) 2 SCC 427, Satender Kumar Antil Vs. CBI, (2022) 10 SCC 51, Siddharam Satlingappa Mhetre Vs. State of Maharashtra and ors., 2010 SCC OnLine SC 1375 and Shri Gurbaksh Singh Sibbia Vs. State of Punjab, (1980) 2 SCC 565, the petitioner is directed to appear before Investigating Officer within a period of two weeks from today and thereafter, as directed by the Investigating Officer. In the event of arrest, the petitioner will be admitted to interim anticipatory bail on furnishing bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of Investigating/Arresting Officer. The petitioner shall cooperate with the investigation/Arresting Officer and abide by the conditions as provided under Section 482(2) of BNSS (erstwhile Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973).

If the Arresting Officer does not permit the petitioner to join the investigation, he would appear before learned Illaqa Magistrate, who would then summon the Arresting Officer and direct him to join the petitioner in the investigation, in terms of the order of this Court.

Nothing observed hereinabove shall be construed as an expression of opinion by this Court and learned trial Court shall decide the case on its own merits, strictly in accordance with law."

3. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Sukhjant Singh, at the very outset, informs the Court that the petitioner has joined the investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required.



4. In view of the statement of learned State counsel, order dated 03.02.2025 is hereby made absolute. The petitioner shall abide by the terms and conditions envisaged under Section 482(2) of BNSS (*erstwhile Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973*).

5. The petition stands disposed of.

(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
JUDGE

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