



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

CRM-M-6418-2025

Date of Decision:07.04.2025

Gurdeep Singh

...Petitioner

vs.

State of Punjab and Anr.

...Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Amandeep Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. I.P.S Sabharwal, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Manpreet Singh Longia, Advocate
for respondent No.2.

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 to him in case FIR No.484, dated 20.09.2024 registered under Sections 135, Electricity Act, 2003, at Police Station Anti Power Theft, District Ludhiana (Annexure P-1).

2. The matter was heard at length on 17.02.2025 and the following order was passed:-

“Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been falsely involved in the present case by the officials of the Electricity Board. He further contends that initially, a notice for compounding the charges was issued to the petitioner, however, later on, without giving an opportunity of hearing, the officials of the Electricity Board got the present FIR registered against him and the penalty of Rs.22,73,484/- was wrongly

imposed on the petitioner. Without prejudice to his rights to raise his defence before the trial Court and just to show his bonafides, the petitioner is ready to deposit the 1/3rd amount of the penalty imposed by the complainant-Assistant Executive Engineer/Commerce, PSPCL, Focal Point Division, Ludhiana in the present case.

On the other hand, learned State counsel assisted by learned counsel for the complainant have vehemently opposed the prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioner on the ground that loss to State Exchequer is involved in the present case and the petitioner has committed a serious crime. At this stage, without commenting on the merits of the case, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation. In the event of arrest, he shall be released on interim bail to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 482(2) of BNSS.

The petitioner is directed to deposit the 1/3rd amount of penalty with the officials of the PSPCL and shall produce the receipt of the said amount on the next date of hearing”.

3. The petitioner did not comply with the order dated 17.02.2025 passed by this Court. Consequently, on 11.03.2025 one more opportunity was granted to petitioner to comply with the order dated 17.02.2025 passed by this Court, however, it was made clear that no further adjournment shall be granted.

4. Even today, learned counsel for the petitioner has informed the Court that the petitioner has not complied with the order dated 17.02.2025 passed by this Court.

5. Since, the petitioner has not complied with the interim orders passed by this Court, he is not entitled for any discretionary relief of anticipatory bail by this Court and the petition deserves to be dismissed.

6. Ordered accordingly.

07.04.2025
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(N.S.SHEKHAWAT)
JUDGE

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