

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-7734-2025
Date of decision: 03.03.2025

BASANT SINGH....PETITIONER

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB....RESPONDENT

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJIV BERRY

Present:- Mr. G.S. Kaura, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ankit Grewal, DAG, Punjab.

SANJIV BERRY, J. (ORAL)

By way of present petition filed under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023, petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case FIR (Annexure P-1) as under:

FIR No.	Dated	Sections	Police Station
139	13.12.2024	115(2), 127 (2), 140 (3), 191 (3), 190 of BNS, 2023 and 351 (3) of BNS added later on.	Dialpura, District Bathinda, Punjab.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance to the order dated 19.02.2025 passed by this Court, the petitioner has already joined the investigation and as such prayed for confirming the interim bail granted vide order dated 19.02.2025.

3. Learned State counsel, on instructions from SI Harbans Singh, intimates the Court that the petitioner has joined investigation and is



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neither required for further investigation nor for any custodial interrogation.

4. During the course of hearing on 19.02.2025, following order was passed:

“3. Heard.

4. It is, inter alia, submitted by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner, having no criminal antecedents, is innocent and has been falsely implicated in this case. The petitioner happens to be 71 years of age having no concern with the allegations. He submits that instant FIR has been got registered by the complainant who was having dispute regarding management of the Gaushala, qua which he has already filed civil suit (Annexure P-2). He contends that the petitioner has been nominated after seven days of the occurrence, that too without there being any specific overt act attributed to him. The alleged injuries are all found to be simple in nature. He submits that co-accused Surjeet Singh and Sikander Singh have already been granted the concession of bail by learned Additional Sessions Judge, Bathinda and case of the petitioner is on the same footing.

5. Per contra, learned State counsel while referring to the reply filed by the State and on instructions from the Investigating Officer present in Court has not disputed the fact that case of the petitioner is at par with that of co-accused Surjeet Singh and Sikander Singh. He submits that name of the petitioner has been specifically mentioned in the statement of the victim recorded under Section 180 BNSS.

6. Be it the case, without commenting on the merits, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation within seven days from today and in the event of his arrest, he is ordered to be released on interim bail on his furnishing personal/surety

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bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. He shall also abide by conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.
7. List on 03.03.2025. ”

5. Keeping in view the above submissions made by learned State counsel and the fact that the petitioner had joined the investigation consequent to the order dated 19.02.2025 passed by this Court, interim bail granted vide order dated 19.02.2025 is hereby confirmed, subject to conditions as envisaged under Section 482 (2) of BNSS, 2023. Further the petitioner is directed to join investigation as and when required in future by way of written notice for such purpose to be served by Investigating Officer of this case upon the petitioner; he will not tamper with the evidence nor will influence the witnesses and will not leave the country without prior permission of the Court.
6. The petition stands allowed.
7. It is made clear that anything contained hereinabove shall not be construed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

(SANJIV BERRY)
JUDGE

03.03.2025
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| i) | Whether speaking/reasoned? | Yes/No |
| ii) | Whether reportable? | Yes/No |