

FIR No.	Dated	Sections	Police Station
2	04.01.2025	303(2) of the BNS 21 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act	Shahkot, District Jalandhar Rural, Punjab



3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance to the order dated 24.02.2025, the petitioner has joined the investigation.

4. During the course of hearing on 24.02.2025, following order has been passed: -

'2. It is, inter alia, contended by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner, having no concern what-so-ever with the allegations levelled in the FIR, has been falsely implicated in this case. He contends that the petitioner is not having any criminal antecedents but has been falsely nominated in this case allegedly on the basis of his being the owner of the tractor in question. He contends that even in the FIR, the presence of the petitioner is not alleged and it is specifically mentioned therein that the tractor was driven by one Satnam Singh. He contends that even otherwise the FIR had been registered for the offence under Section 303(2) of the BNS along with Section 21 of the Mines and Minerals Act (supra) which itself shows that the allegations levelled in the FIR are concocted and fake. Hence, the instant petition.

3. Notice of motion.

4. On the asking of the Court, Mr. Rajinder Singh Bhatta, DAG, Punjab, present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the State-respondent and prays for time to file the status report/reply in the matter.

5. Adjourned to 11.03.2025.

6. Needful be done well before the date fixed with an advance copy to the counsel opposite.

7. In the meanwhile, the petitioner is hereby directed to join 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 bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. He shall also abide by conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita 2023 (BNSS).

8. Investigating Officer (concerned) to remain present in Court along with relevant records on the date fixed.'

5. Learned State counsel on instructions received from SI Lakhbir Singh, informs the Court that the petitioner has joined the investigation and is neither required for further investigation nor for any custodial interrogation.

6. 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 24.02.2025 passed by this Court, interim bail granted vide order dated 24.02.2025 is hereby confirmed, subject to conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) of the Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita 2023 (BNSS). 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.

7. The petition stands allowed.

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8. 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

11.03.2025

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