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

CRM-M-10776-2025

Date of Decision:09.07.2025

Dilbag Singh and another

...Petitioners

vs.

Ram Narain and another

...Respondents

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

Present : Mr. Sunil Hooda, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Tejas Bansal, Advocate for
Mr. Sanjiv Kumar Aggarwal, Advocate
for respondent No.1.

Mr. Rajiv Sidhu, DAG, Haryana.

N.S.Shekhawat J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 482 of BNSS with a prayer to issue appropriate directions to trial Court/Arresting officer to release the petitioners on anticipatory bail in complaint case No.COMI/3 of 2018 dated 03.01.2018 titled as 'Ram Narain Vs. Dilbag Singh' pending in the Court of JMIC, Karnal.

2. While granting the concession of interim anticipatory bail by this Court on 25.02.2025, this Court had noticed the following contentions raised by learned counsel for the petitioners:-

“Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that the dispute between the parties is primarily civil in nature and the complainant has filed the complaint by coining a false version. He further submits that respondent No.1/complainant had already filed a civil suit for recovery against the present petitioners and the same has already been decreed vide judgment and decree dated

04.08.2023. Even a complaint under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 has been filed by the complainant in the present case. However, the petitioners have been wrongly summoned in the complaint vide summoning order (Annexure P-2). Learned counsel next submits that the petitioners are ready to appear before the trial Court on each and every date of hearing. ”

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that in compliance of the order dated 25.02.2025 passed by this Court, the petitioners have appeared before the trial Court and have been admitted to interim bail. He further stated that the petitioners shall appear on each and every date of hearing before the trial Court and shall not remain absent on any date, without seeking prior permission of the trial Court.

4. Learned counsel for the State has also affirmed the said fact.

5. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of respondent No.1 has vehemently opposed the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioners on the ground that the petitioners have made every effort to delay the trial before the trial Court and the petition deserves to be dismissed by this Court. He further contends that since the complaint was instituted in the present case in the year 2018, some directions may be issued to the trial Court to conclude the trial in a time bound manner.

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

7. Since the petitioners have already put in appearance before the trial Court, the interim order dated 25.02.2025, passed by this Court is made absolute and the present petition is allowed. However, the petitioners shall file an affidavit before the trial Court on the next date of hearing that they shall appear on each and every date of hearing and shall not remain absent on any

date, without prior permission of the trial Court. Further, the trial Court is also directed to expedite the trial and to conclude the same at the earliest preferably within a period of one year from today.

09.07.2025
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(N.S.SHEKHAWAT)
JUDGE

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