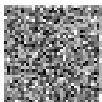


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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-11157-2025
DECIDED ON: 27.02.2025

MANPREET SINGH MAAN

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP MOUDGIL

Present: Mr. Munish Puri, Advocate and
Mr. Harsh Thakur, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Jaspal Singh Guru, AAG Punjab

Mr. Akhil Dadwal, Advocate for the complainant.

SANDEEP MOUDGIL, J (ORAL)

1. Relief sought

The jurisdiction of this Court has been invoked under Section 482 BNSS, 2023 for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No.0195, dated 21.12.2024, under Sections 308(4), 351(3) of BNS, 2023, registered at Police Station Mukerian, District Hoshiarpur.

2. Prosecution story setup in the present case as per the version in the FIR as under:-

“Head Constable PS Mukerian today I SI/SHO along with ASI Jasvir Singh No.467/HSP, ASI Jasvir Singh No.209/HSP, SR/CT Surinder Kumar No.723/HSP, PHG Dharampal No.26194 vide Government Vehicle bearing no.PB65BG8744 being driven by PHG Satpal No.26216 was present at BhangalaChungi, Mukerian

in relation to patrolling and search. That secret informer gave information that few days back Manpreet Singh @ Fauji resident of ChakSarwani PS Mukerian called on WhatsApp no.62393-94850 to Dr. Gurmeet Singh resident of Galarian PS Mukerian and demanded ransom of Rs.30 Lakhs and when Gurmeet Singh has not paid the ransom amount, then Jivan Sandhu @ JivanFauji called from England from phone number +447333696044 on WhatsApp number and demanded ransom of Rs.30 Lakh from Dr. Gurmeet Singh and told that in case Rs.30 Lakh is not paid then gun shots will be fired on your house and shop within one week and Dr. Gurmeet Singh being afraid has not given information in this regard anywhere. As this information is firm and reliable hence after registration of FIR against aforementioned persons, investigation is liable to be made. Offence Under Section 308(4), 359(3), BNS is made out against them. Ruqa is being send to police station to PHG Dharampal 26194 for registration of FIR. After registration of FIR number be intimated. Control room being informed through wireless. I SI/SHO along with fellow associates are busy in investigation. Sd/- Joginder Singh SI/SHO PS Mukerian dated 21/12/2024. ”

3. **Contention**

On behalf of the petitioner

At the outset, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the matter has been compromised between the parties on the basis of compromise dated nil (Annexure P-4), with the intervention of the respectable of the society, the complainant does not want to pursue with the matter any further.

Notice of motion.

On behalf of the State/complainant

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the complainant admits the factum of compromise (Annexure P-4) and also endorsed no objection, in case the present petition is allowed and petitioner is admitted on bail.

Learned State counsel filed the custody certificate of the petitioner, which is taken on record. He submits that in the light of compromise entered between the parties, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required.

4. **Analysis**

Be that as it may, having given a considerable thought to the submissions made hereinabove especially to the fact that the parties have amicably resolved the matter on the basis of compromise attached at Annexure P-4 dated nil, this Court is of the considered view that there is no valid or cogent reason to deny the bail to the present petitioner, wherein he has *bona fide* intentions and is ready and willing to join the investigation and cooperate for furtherance of the same so that the final report can be submitted by the Investigating Agency in time.

5. **Decision**

Hence, the petitioner is directed to be released on anticipatory bail subject to his joining investigation with the Investigating Officer concerned within a period of one week from today, on furnishing of personal/surety bonds to his satisfaction. The petitioner shall also abide by the terms and conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) of BNSS, which are reproduced below:-

‘When the High Court or the Court of Session makes a direction under sub-section (1), it may include such conditions in such directions in the light of the facts of the particular case, as it may think fit, including-

(i) a condition that the person shall make himself available for interrogation by a police officer as and when required;

(ii) a condition that the person shall not, directly or indirectly, make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts

of the case so as to dissuade him from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer;

(iii) a condition that the person shall not leave India without the previous permission of the Court;

(iv) such other condition as may be imposed under sub-section (3) of section 480, as if the bail were granted under that section.'

However, it is made clear that in case the petitioner does not comply with the aforesaid direction of joining the investigation within a period of one week, the order passed by this Court today shall automatically stands cancelled.

In the aforesaid terms, the present petition stands allowed.

(SANDEEP MOUDGIL)
JUDGE

27.02.2025

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<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>