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

Sr. No.213

**CRM-M-12147-2025 (O&M)
Date of decision : 21.05.2025**

Mukul

..... Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab and another

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE KIRTI SINGH

Present: Mr. Ankit Gupta, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Ms. Aakanksha Gupta, AAG, Punjab.

KIRTI SINGH, J. (Oral)

1. Prayer in the present petition filed under Section 482 of Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (BNSS, 2023) is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, in case FIR No.14 dated 18.01.2025, under Sections 85/316 (2) BNS, registered at Police Station Model Town, District Hoshiarpur.

2. Vide order dated 12.05.2025 passed by this Court, the petitioner was directed to join investigation, the same is reproduced below:-

“As per mediation report dated 6.5.2025, the matter has been amicably settled between both the parties. The following settlement has been arrived at between both the parties:-

a. That both the parties have agreed that from 10.05.2025, both will reside together, first party will search for a rented accommodation within 10 kilometres from Hoshiarpur on or before 10.05.2025.

b. That the first party-husband will bring a refrigerator, washing machine and a bed to their rental accommodation.

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c. That it is also agreed between the parties neither the parents of the first party nor the parents of second party will not come to their rented accommodation. It is further agreed that second party along with her child can meet her parents twice in a month.

d. That the first party also undertakes to hand over all the educational documents to the second party at the earliest.

e. The first party also undertakes to take care of their son during the officer hours of the second party-wife. It is also agreed that when the first party will get a job then both the parties will arrange for a care-taker of their son.

f. That it is further agreed between the parties that the first party will file a petition for quashing of the above mentioned FIR within one month from today and the second party will cooperate in all respects in quashing of the FIR, such as, filing affidavit or making statement before any Court of Law, if required.

Adjourned to 21.05.2025.

Interim order to continue.

In the meantime, the petitioner shall join investigation before the Investigating Agency/Officer. He shall abide by the following conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) BNSS, 2023:-

- 1) That the petitioner shall make himself available for interrogation by a police officer as and when required to do so.
- 2) That the petitioner shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts to the case so as to dissuade him from disclosing such facts to Court or to any police officer.
- 3) That the petitioner shall not leave India without prior permission of the Court.

Needless to mention that the investigating agency/officer shall continue with the investigation of the case in usual manner.”

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3. Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI-Sukhdev Singh submits that in compliance of order dated 12.05.2025, the petitioner has joined the investigation and is not required for any further investigation.
4. Having considered the aforesaid facts and circumstances, the petition is allowed. Order dated 12.05.2025 passed by this Court, is hereby made absolute.
5. This order should not be treated as "blanket" order. It will not be read granting the petitioner(s) indefinite protection from arrest. It shall be confined to the FIR mentioned *ibid* and will not operate in respect of any other incident that involves commission of an offence.
6. This order does not in any manner limit or restrict the rights or duties of the police or investigating agency to investigate into the charges against the petitioner(s).
7. The accused-petitioner(s) 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 or her from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer.
8. The accused-petitioner(s) shall not leave India without prior permission of the Court.
9. The accused-petitioner(s) shall join the investigation as and when called by the police.
10. It will be open to the police or the investigating agency to move to this Court for a direction under Section 483(3) of BNSS, 2023 (erstwhile Section 439(2) of Cr.P.C.) to arrest the accused-petitioner(s), in the event of

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violation of any term, such as absconding, non-cooperating during investigation, evasion, intimidation or inducement to witnesses with a view to influence outcome of the investigation or trial.

Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, also stands disposed of.

(KIRTI SINGH)
JUDGE

21.05.2025
Ramandeep Singh

Whether speaking / reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No