



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

CRM-M-43021-2025

Date of decision: 29.09.2025

GOPAL KRISHAN BANSAL

....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

....Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE RUPINDERJIT CHAHAL

Present:- Mr. Bakul Garg, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Shukla, DAG Punjab.

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RUPINDERJIT CHAHAL, J. (ORAL)

1. Through the instant petition filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (For short "BNSS"), the petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case FIR No.114 dated 08.07.2025 under Section 408 IPC, registered at Police Station Sangrur, District Sangrur.

2. On 13.08.2025, following order had been passed: -

“ The petitioner has filed the present petition under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023 with a prayer to grant anticipatory bail to him in case FIR No.114 dated 08.07.2025 registered under Section 408 of IPC, at Police Station Sadar Sangrur, District Sangrur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. The petitioner was working on a clerical post as Fee Clerk in Bhai Gurdas Institute, Sangrur from 10.03.2023 to 12.05.2024 and performed his duty with fairness, honesty and sincerity. When the petitioner joined on the said post, then it was told to him that he will be given salary at par with Government approved scales but he was not given salary accordingly. The authorities also used to give him other work which was not concerned with his work. Thereafter, when the petitioner raised issues with the authority, they asked him to leave his job and dispute arose thereafter. The



petitioner left the job on 12.05.2024 and the FIR was lodged on 08.07.2025 and there is an inordinate delay of more than one year and two months in lodging of the FIR. The alleged apology letter was obtained from the petitioner under coercion as the Department threatened him that in case he does not sign the same, his services would be terminated. The petitioner has clean antecedents and he is not involved in any other case. Learned counsel further contends that the petitioner is ready and willing to join the investigation as and when called upon to do so by the investigating agency.

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Mr. Subhash Godara, Addl. A.G., Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State and has filed the status report, which is taken on record. He has vehemently opposed the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner on the ground that the allegations levelled against the petitioner are serious in nature.

Adjourned to 29.09.2025.

Considering the facts and circumstances of the present case and the arguments addressed by learned counsel for the petitioner, the petitioner is directed to join investigation within a week from today and would appear as and when required by the Investigating Officer and cooperate with the Investigating Agency. In the event of arrest, he shall be admitted to interim bail on furnishing personal and surety bonds to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer. He shall also abide by the conditions as envisaged under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.”

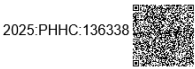
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of the order dated 13.08.2025 passed by this Court, the petitioner has joined the investigation.

4. Learned counsel for the State, on instructions from ASI Hakam Singh, has submitted that the petitioner has joined the investigation and is no longer required for further investigation.

5. In view of the statement made by learned State counsel, the interim order dated 13.08.2025 is made absolute. The petitioner shall continue to join investigation, as and when called by the Investigating

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Officer and shall also abide by the conditions as provided under Section 482(2) of the BNSS.

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(RUPINDERJIT CHAHAL)
JUDGE

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