



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-44588-2025

Date of decision: 11.09.2025

BISHAN DASS @ BABBU

....PETITIONER

V/s

STATE OF PUNJAB

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Mr. Mohit Kakkar, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Jaypreet Singh, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. K.S. Lakhanpal, Advocate for the complainant.

SUMEET GOEL, J.

1. Present petition has been filed under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023 (old Section 438 of Cr.P.C) for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No. 246 dated 17.11.2023, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 420, 120-B of IPC at Police Station Sardulgarh, District Mansa.

2. On 13.08.2025, the following order was passed:-

“Apprehending his arrest in FIR No. 246 dated 17.11.2023 registered for offences punishable under Sections 420, 120-B of IPC at Police Station Sardulgarh, District Mansa; the petitioner has preferred this petition under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023 seeking pre-arrest bail.

Inter alia contends that the FIR in question essentially has a civil overtone and a settlement has been arrived at between the parties, in respect whereof reliance has been placed upon a Written Panchyati Compromise (Annexure P-3).

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Mr. G.S. Bhullar, AAG, Punjab appears and accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

At this stage, Mr. K.S. Lakhanpal, Advocate, has put in appearance on behalf of the Narain Dass and aggrieved person and ratified the settlement and has also filed his memorandum of appearance/vakalatnama in Court today. The same be taken on record.

Adjourned to 11.09.2025.

The petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer on 20.08.2025 at 11:00 A.M. in concerned Police Station and join investigation. In the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim bail subject to his furnishing personal/surety bond(s) to the



satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. As and when further called by Investigating Officer, the petitioner shall join the investigation. He shall abide by the condition(s) enumerated under Section 482(2) of the BNSS, 2023.”

3. Learned State counsel, on instructions, has stated that pursuant to the order dated 13.08.2025, the petitioner has joined investigation and is no longer required for custodial interrogation.

4. In view of above, the present petition is allowed and interim order dated 13.08.2025 passed by this Court is made absolute, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 482(2) of BNSS.

5. This order should not be treated as “blanket” order. It will not be read granting petitioner 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. Liberty is reserved in favour of State/complainant to move for cancellation/recall of this order in case the petitioner violates any condition stipulated under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023 or upon showing any other sufficient cause.

7. Needless to say that anything observed herein above shall not be construed to be an opinion on the merits of the case.

8. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

11.09.2025

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Whether speaking/reasoned:
Whether reportable:

Yes/No
Yes/No