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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Decided on: 19.11.2025

Bhim Singh
.....Petitioner
Versus
State of Punjab
.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Harjot Singh Mann, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Vinay Malhotra, DAG, Punjab.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (ORAL)

1. Prayer in this petition, filed under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438 Cr.P.C.), is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, who has been booked in a criminal case arising out of FIR No.92 dated 15.07.2023, under Sections 353, 186 IPC at PS City-1, District Mansa.

2. On 22.08.2025, following order was passed:

“(i) Prayer in this petition, filed under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438 Cr.P.C.), is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, who has been booked in a criminal case arising out of First Information Report, as detailed hereunder:

<i>Name of Petitioner(s)</i>	<i>FIR No.</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Section(s)</i>	<i>Police Station</i>	<i>District</i>
<i>Bhim Singh, aged about 70 years</i>	<i>92</i>	<i>15.07.2023</i>	<i>353, 186 of IPC</i>	<i>City-1</i>	<i>Mansa</i>

(ii) 2. Learned counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends, that the present FIR has been registered against the petitioner, who is 70 years of age, solely on the ground that he allegedly obstructed the police officials when they came to arrest his son, Parwinder Singh @ Jhotta, at his residence, in connection with

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FIR No.142 dated 14.07.2023, registered under Sections 451, 323, 506, 342, 355, 148, and 149 of the IPC at Police Station City-2, Mansa.

(iii) It is submitted that petitioner, being the father of the said accused, is alleged to have caused interference in the arrest along with 20-25 unknown persons. However, no specific overt act has been attributed to the petitioner in the FIR. Furthermore, given the petitioner's advanced age, it is highly unlikely and unreasonable to presume that he could have physically overpowered or obstructed police officials in the performance of their duty. It is also pertinent to note that, as per the FIR itself, petitioner's son was arrested at the petitioner's residence at that very moment. Moreover, petitioner is ready to join the investigation and fully cooperate, if protected from arrest by this Court. Thus, prays for grant of concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in the present case.

(iv) Notice of motion.

(v) On advance notice, Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr. DAG, Punjab, puts in appearance on behalf of the respondent State, and seeks some time to file status report in the matter.

However, to prevent loss to the State Exchequer, the appearance of the concerned respondent(s) in the subsequent proceedings will only be recognized, if the requisite process fee is deposited by the petitioner(s), within a period of one week from today.

(vi) Adjourned to 19.11.2025.

(vii) Meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation as and when required to do so by the Investigating Agency. In the event of his arrest, the petitioner shall be released on ad-interim bail, subject to his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer. The petitioner shall also be abide by all the conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023 (earlier Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.).

(viii) Besides, it is directed that petitioner would hand over his passport to the Investigating Agency or to Court concerned, if he possesses. Otherwise, would submit an affidavit, disclosing the fact that he does not possess any passport.

It is also directed that before leaving country any time during trial, petitioner would seek prior permission of the Court.”

3. Continuing his submissions, learned counsel for the petitioner contends that in compliance to the order dated 22.08.2025 passed by this Court, petitioner has joined the investigation on 25.08.2025.

4. Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Sukhdev Singh,



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confirms the said averment made by counsel for the petitioner of joining the investigation on 25.08.2025 by the petitioner, and submits that as of now, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required for the purpose of investigation.

5. Heard learned counsel for the parties.
6. Since, petitioner has already joined the investigation and custodial interrogation is no more required; ad-interim bail order dated 22.08.2025 passed by this Court is hereby made absolute. Accordingly, present petition is allowed.

However, petitioner shall continue to join the investigation as and when required to do so and abide by all the terms and conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

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Whether Speaking/Reasoned:	YES/ NO
Whether Reportable:	YES /NO